



HOUSE BILL 696: Violent Offense/No Contact Order.

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OVERVIEW: *House Bill 696 would add additional felonies to the list of offenses for which a victim may petition for a permanent no contact order during a defendant's sentencing.*

CURRENT LAW: G.S. 15A-1340.50 provides for a permanent no contact order to be issued by the court during sentencing when a defendant is convicted of a sex offense.

A violation of the order is a Class A1 misdemeanor pursuant to G.S. 15A-1340.50

At any time after the issuance of the order, the State, at the request of the victim, or the defendant may make a motion to rescind the permanent no contact order. If the court determines that reasonable grounds for the victim to fear any future contact with the defendant no longer exist, the court may rescind the permanent no contact order.

BILL ANALYSIS: The bill would add certain violent offenses to the list of offenses for which a judge may issue a permanent no contact order during sentencing. The included new offenses are:

- Class A through G felonies that do not require sex offender registration.
- Assault inflicting serious injury by strangulation pursuant to G.S. 14-32.4(b).

EFFECTIVE DATE: The act would become effective December 1, 2023 and apply to offenses committed on or after that date.

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