

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
SESSION 2023

FILED SENATE  
Mar 29, 2023  
S.B. 401  
PRINCIPAL CLERK

S

D

SENATE BILL DRS15159-ND-117A

Short Title: Ensure Same-Sex Domestic Violence Prot. Order. (Public)

Sponsors: Senators Murdock and Meyer (Primary Sponsors).

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT TO ENSURE DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PROTECTIVE ORDERS ARE AVAILABLE  
3 FOR SAME-SEX COUPLES.

4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

5 **SECTION 1.** G.S. 50B-1(b) reads as rewritten:

6 "(b) For purposes of this section, the term "personal relationship" means a relationship  
7 wherein the parties ~~involved;~~involved either:

8 (1) Are current or former ~~spouses;~~spouses.

9 (2) Are persons ~~of opposite sex~~ who live together or have lived ~~together;~~together.

10 (3) Are related as parents and children, including others acting in loco parentis to  
11 a minor child, or as grandparents and grandchildren. For purposes of this  
12 subdivision, an aggrieved party may not obtain an order of protection against  
13 a child or grandchild under the age of ~~16;~~16.

14 (4) Have a child in ~~common;~~common.

15 (5) Are current or former household ~~members;~~members.

16 (6) Are persons ~~of the opposite sex~~ who are in a dating relationship or have been  
17 in a dating relationship. For purposes of this subdivision, a dating relationship  
18 is one wherein the parties are romantically involved over time and on a  
19 continuous basis during the course of the relationship. A casual acquaintance  
20 or ordinary fraternization between persons in a business or social context is  
21 not a dating relationship."

22 **SECTION 2.** This act is effective when it becomes law and applies to domestic  
23 violence protective orders issued on or after that date.



\* D R S 1 5 1 5 9 - N D - 1 1 7 A \*