

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
SESSION 2025**

S

1

SENATE BILL 637

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

Sponsors: Senators Bradley and Grafstein (Primary Sponsors).

Referred to: Rules and Operations of the Senate

March 26, 2025

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

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

