

House Bill 302

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 16-5-94 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to  
2 restraining orders and protective orders, so as to provide for the issuance of a temporary or  
3 permanent protective order by the court; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting  
4 laws; and for other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 style="text-align:center">**SECTION 1.**

7 Code Section 16-5-94 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to restraining  
8 orders and protective orders, is amended by revising subsection (d) as follows:

9 "(d) The court may grant a protective order on a temporary or permanent basis or approve  
10 a consent agreement to bring about a cessation of conduct constituting stalking. Orders or  
11 agreements may:

- 12 (1) Direct a party to refrain from such conduct;
- 13 (2) Order a party to refrain from harassing or interfering with the other;
- 14 (3) Award costs and attorney's fees to either party; and
- 15 (4) Order either or all parties to receive appropriate psychiatric or psychological services  
16 as a further measure to prevent the recurrence of stalking."

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**SECTION 2.**

18 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.