

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 1479 Session of
2025INTRODUCED BY MARCELL, LABS, MAJOR, MIHALEK, TOMLINSON,
ARMANINI, STAATS AND GILLEN, SEPTEMBER 5, 2025AS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, HOUSE OF
REPRESENTATIVES, AS AMENDED, NOVEMBER 17, 2025

AN ACT

1 Amending ~~Title~~ TITLES 23 (Domestic Relations) AND 42 (JUDICIARY <--
2 AND JUDICIAL PROCEDURE) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated
3 Statutes, in protection from abuse, further providing for
4 definitions and for relief; AND, IN PROTECTION OF VICTIMS OF <--
5 SEXUAL VIOLENCE OR INTIMIDATION, FURTHER PROVIDING FOR
6 DEFINITIONS AND FOR RELIEF.

7 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
8 hereby enacts as follows:

9 Section 1. Section 6102(a) of Title 23 of the Pennsylvania
10 Consolidated Statutes is amended by adding definitions to read:
11 § 6102. Definitions.

12 (a) General rule.--The following words and phrases when used
13 in this chapter shall have the meanings given to them in this
14 section unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

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16 "Post." To share, display, provide, upload, transmit,
17 publish, distribute, communicate or circulate content on a
18 social media platform.

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1 "Social media platform." A public or semipublic Internet-
2 based service or application that meets all of the following
3 criteria:

4 (1) A substantial function of the platform, service or
5 application is to connect users in order to allow users to
6 interact socially with each other within the service or
7 application, provided that a platform, service or application
8 that provides email or direct messaging services or cloud
9 computing shall not be considered to meet this criterion
10 solely on the basis of that function.

11 (2) The platform, service or application allows users to
12 do all of the following:

13 (i) Construct a public or semipublic profile for
14 purposes of signing into and using the platform, service
15 or application.

16 (ii) Populate a list of other users with whom an
17 individual shares a social connection within the system.

18 (iii) Create or post content viewable by other
19 users, including on message boards, in chat rooms or
20 through a landing page or main feed that presents the
21 user with content generated by other users.

22 "User." A person who posts content on a social media
23 platform.

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25 ~~Section 2. Section 6108(a)(1) of Title 23 is amended to~~ <--
26 ~~read:~~

27 SECTION 2. SECTION 6108(A) OF TITLE 23 IS AMENDED BY ADDING <--
28 A PARAGRAPH TO READ:

29 § 6108. Relief.

30 (a) General rule.--Subject to subsection (a.1), the court

1 may grant any protection order or approve any consent agreement
2 to bring about a cessation of abuse of the plaintiff or minor
3 children. The order or agreement may include:

4 ~~(1) Directing the defendant to refrain from abusing the~~ <--
5 ~~plaintiff or minor children[.], including:~~

6 ~~(i) prohibiting the defendant from accessing or~~
7 ~~utilizing social media platforms; or~~

8 ~~(ii) prohibiting the defendant from posting on~~
9 ~~social media platforms.~~

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11 (9.2) PROHIBITING THE DEFENDANT FROM ACCESSING, <--
12 UTILIZING OR POSTING ON SOCIAL MEDIA PLATFORMS.

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14 SECTION 3. SECTION 62A03 OF TITLE 42 IS AMENDED BY ADDING
15 DEFINITIONS TO READ:

16 § 62A03. DEFINITIONS.

17 THE FOLLOWING WORDS AND PHRASES WHEN USED IN THIS CHAPTER
18 SHALL HAVE THE MEANINGS GIVEN TO THEM IN THIS SECTION UNLESS THE
19 CONTEXT CLEARLY INDICATES OTHERWISE:

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21 "POST." AS DEFINED IN 23 PA.C.S. § 6102 (RELATING TO
22 DEFINITIONS).

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24 "SOCIAL MEDIA PLATFORM." AS DEFINED IN 23 PA.C.S. § 6102.

25 "USER." AS DEFINED IN 23 PA.C.S. § 6102.

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27 SECTION 4. SECTION 62A07(B) (1) OF TITLE 42 IS AMENDED TO
28 READ:

29 § 62A07. RELIEF.

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(B) GENERAL RULE.--AN ORDER OR A CONSENT AGREEMENT MAY
INCLUDE:

(1) [PROHIBITING THE DEFENDANT FROM HAVING ANY CONTACT
WITH THE VICTIM, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, RESTRAINING
THE DEFENDANT FROM ENTERING THE VICTIM'S RESIDENCE, PLACE OF
EMPLOYMENT, BUSINESS OR SCHOOL. THIS MAY INCLUDE PROHIBITING
INDIRECT CONTACT THROUGH THIRD PARTIES AND ALSO PROHIBITING
DIRECT OR INDIRECT CONTACT WITH OTHER DESIGNATED PERSONS.]

PROHIBITING THE DEFENDANT FROM HAVING ANY CONTACT WITH THE
VICTIM, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, ANY OF THE FOLLOWING:

(I) RESTRAINING THE DEFENDANT FROM ENTERING THE
VICTIM'S RESIDENCE, PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT, BUSINESS OR
SCHOOL.

(II) PROHIBITING INDIRECT CONTACT THROUGH THIRD
PARTIES AND PROHIBITING DIRECT OR INDIRECT CONTACT WITH
OTHER DESIGNATED PERSONS.

(III) PROHIBITING THE DEFENDANT FROM ACCESSING,
UTILIZING OR POSTING ON SOCIAL MEDIA PLATFORMS.

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Section 3 5. This act shall take effect in 60 days.

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