

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
SESSION 2021

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HOUSE BILL 33

Short Title: Broaden Applicability of DV Statutes. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Warren, Moffitt, and Zachary (Primary Sponsors).
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Referred to: Judiciary 3, if favorable, Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House

February 2, 2021

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO BROADEN THE APPLICABILITY OF VARIOUS DOMESTIC VIOLENCE
3 STATUTES.

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:

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 becomes effective December 1, 2021, and applies to offenses
23 committed on or after that date.

