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H.P. 297

House of Representatives, February 6, 1995

An Act to Continue Protection Under a Protection From Abuse Order.

Reference to the Committee on Judiciary suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joseph W. Mayo".

JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative DESMOND of Mapleton.
Cosponsored by Representatives: AHEARNE of Madawaska, CLOUTIER of South Portland,
JACQUES of Waterville, O'NEAL of Limestone, SIROIS of Caribou, VOLENIK of
Sedgwick, WATSON of Farmingdale, WHEELER of Bridgewater, Senators: AMERO of
Cumberland, KIEFFER of Aroostook, PARADIS of Aroostook.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

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Sec. 1. 19 MRSA §766, sub-§2, as amended by PL 1985, c. 495,
4 §14, is further amended to read:

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2. Duration. Any protective order or approved consent
agreement shall be is for a fixed an indefinite period not to
8 exceed one year. At the expiration of that time, the court may
extend an order, upon motion of the plaintiff, for such
10 additional time as it deems necessary to protect the plaintiff or
minor child from abuse. Upon motion by a party, the court may
12 terminate the order or agreement if both parties agree. Upon
14 motion by either party, for sufficient cause, the court may
modify the order or agreement from time to time as circumstances
16 require.

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STATEMENT OF FACT

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This bill changes the duration of a protection from abuse
order or approved consent agreement from a one-year limit to an
22 indefinite period of time. It allows the order to be terminated
upon motion by one of the parties, if both parties agree.