



SUPPORT House Bill 44: DV Orders / Repeat Violators

PROPOSAL

Strengthen the enforcement of domestic violence protective orders by reducing the number of prior convictions required to charge an offender with a Class H felony for a violation from three prior convictions to one prior conviction.

SUPPORTED BY:

- LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR BEVERLY PERDUE
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- NORTH CAROLINA COALITION AGAINST DOMESTIC VIOLENCE
- NORTH CAROLINA DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COMMISSION
- NORTH CAROLINA ASSOCIATION OF WOMEN ATTORNEYS

TALKING POINTS

- Violation of a domestic violence protective order is a serious crime and is a red flag to the court system that the offender may commit a homicide.
 - If we expect offenders to obey domestic violence protective orders, violations must be strictly enforced with meaningful consequences.
 - An offender who violates a domestic violence protective order not only offends the victim, but also offends the court by violating the judge's order.
 - **83** women, men, and children were murdered in NC because of domestic violence in 2007.
 - This bill can save lives.

Please support HB 44.

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