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SENATE BILL 1062\*  
Judiciary II Committee Substitute Adopted 5/6/09  
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Short Title: Strengthen Dom. Vio. Protective Orders/Pets.

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Sponsors:

Referred to:

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1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT STRENGTHENING DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PROTECTIVE ORDERS TO  
3 PROVIDE FOR THE PROTECTION OF PETS.

4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

5 SECTION 1. G.S. 50B-3(a) reads as rewritten:

6 "(a) If the court, including magistrates as authorized under G.S. 50B-2(c1), finds that an  
7 act of domestic violence has occurred, the court shall grant a protective order restraining the  
8 defendant from further acts of domestic violence. A protective order may include any of the  
9 following types of relief:

- 10 (1) Direct a party to refrain from such acts.  
11 (2) Grant to a party possession of the residence or household of the parties and  
12 exclude the other party from the residence or household.  
13 (3) Require a party to provide a spouse and his or her children suitable alternate  
14 housing.  
15 (4) Award temporary custody of minor children and establish temporary  
16 visitation rights pursuant to G.S. 50B-2 if the order is granted ex parte, and  
17 pursuant to subsection (a1) of this section if the order is granted after notice  
18 or service of process.  
19 (5) Order the eviction of a party from the residence or household and assistance  
20 to the victim in returning to it.  
21 (6) Order either party to make payments for the support of a minor child as  
22 required by law.  
23 (7) Order either party to make payments for the support of a spouse as required  
24 by law.  
25 (8) Provide for possession of personal property of the ~~parties~~ parties, including  
26 the care, custody, and control of any animal owned, possessed, kept, or held  
27 as a pet by either party or minor child residing in the household.  
28 (9) Order a party to refrain from doing any or all of the following:  
29 a. Threatening, abusing, or following the other party.  
30 b. Harassing the other party, including by telephone, visiting the home  
31 or workplace, or other means.  
32 b1. Cruelly treating or abusing an animal owned, possessed, kept, or held  
33 as a pet by either party or minor child residing in the household.  
34 c. Otherwise interfering with the other party.  
35 (10) Award attorney's fees to either party.  
36 (11) Prohibit a party from purchasing a firearm for a time fixed in the order.



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- 1           (12) Order any party the court finds is responsible for acts of domestic violence  
2           to attend and complete an abuser treatment program if the program is  
3           approved by the Domestic Violence Commission.  
4           (13) Include any additional prohibitions or requirements the court deems  
5           necessary to protect any party or any minor child."  
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**SECTION 2.** This act is effective when it becomes law.