

107TH CONGRESS
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H. R. 3193

To amend the Violence Against Women Act of 2000 by expanding the legal assistance for victims of violence grant program to include legal assistance for victims of dating violence.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

OCTOBER 31, 2001

Mrs. BIGGERT (for herself, Ms. SLAUGHTER, Mr. QUINN, Mrs. MORELLA, Mr. STARK, Mrs. CAPITO, Mr. SHIMKUS, and Mr. THOMPSON of California) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

A BILL

To amend the Violence Against Women Act of 2000 by expanding the legal assistance for victims of violence grant program to include legal assistance for victims of dating violence.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Legal Assistance for
5 Victims of Dating Violence Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. LEGAL ASSISTANCE FOR VICTIMS OF VIOLENCE.**

2 Section 1201 of the Violence Against Women Act of
3 2000 (42 U.S.C. 3796gg-6) is amended—

4 (1) in subsection (a), by inserting “dating vio-
5 lence,” after “domestic violence,”;

6 (2) in subsection (b)—

7 (A) by inserting before paragraph (1) the
8 following:

9 “(1) **DATING VIOLENCE.**—The term “dating vi-
10 olence” means violence committed by a person—

11 “(A) who is or has been in a social rela-
12 tionship of a romantic or intimate nature with
13 the victim; and

14 “(B) where the existence of such a rela-
15 tionship shall be determined based on a consid-
16 eration of the following factors:

17 “(i) the length of the relationship;

18 “(ii) the type of relationship; and

19 “(iii) the frequency of interaction be-
20 tween the persons involved in the relation-
21 ship.”;

22 (B) by redesignating paragraphs (1), (2),
23 and (3) as paragraphs (2), (3), and (4) respec-
24 tively; and

25 “(C) in paragraph (3), as redesignated by
26 subparagraph (B) of this paragraph, by insert-

1 ing “dating violence,” after “domestic vio-
2 lence,”;

3 (3) in subsection (c)—

4 (A) in paragraph (1), by inserting—

5 (i) “, dating violence,” after “domes-
6 tic violence”; and

7 (ii) “dating violence,” after “domestic
8 violence,”;

9 (B) in paragraph (2), by inserting “dating
10 violence,” after “domestic violence,”; and

11 (C) in paragraph (3), by inserting “dating
12 violence,” after “domestic violence,”;

13 (4) in subsection (d)—

14 (A) in paragraph (1), by inserting “, dat-
15 ing violence,” after “domestic violence”;

16 (B) in paragraph (2), by inserting “, dat-
17 ing violence,” after “domestic violence”;

18 (C) in paragraph (3), by inserting “, dat-
19 ing violence,” after “domestic violence”; and

20 (D) in paragraph (4), by inserting “dating
21 violence,” after “domestic violence,”;

22 (5) in subsection (e), by inserting “dating vio-
23 lence,” after “domestic violence,”; and

1 (6) in subsection (f)(2)(A), by inserting “dating
2 violence,” after “domestic violence,”.

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