

**HOUSE SUMMARY OF SENATE AMENDMENTS**

**HB 773**

**2018 Regular Session**

**Lyons**

DOMESTIC ABUSE: Provides relative to a mental health evaluation upon the issuance of a protective order in domestic abuse cases

**Synopsis of Senate Amendments**

1. Retains the proposed law authority of the court to order a medical or mental health evaluation of the perpetrator, and further authorizes the court to order both a medical evaluation and a mental health evaluation of the perpetrator.

**Digest of Bill as Finally Passed by Senate**

Present law provides that a court may grant a protective order or approve a consent agreement to bring about the cessation of domestic abuse. Further provides that when granted the protective order, the court may order a medical opinion regarding a medical evaluation of the defendant or the abused person, or both, to be conducted by an independent court-appointed evaluator.

Proposed law removes the courts authority to order a medical opinion regarding a medical evaluation of the abused person.

Proposed law authorizes the court to order a mental health evaluation, in lieu of or in addition to a medical evaluation, of the perpetrator subject to the same provisions of present law relative to the medical evaluation.

(Amends R.S. 46:2136(A)(4))