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## DIGEST

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HB No. 1122

**Abstract:** Creates the Protection From Stalking Act and provides for assistance to victims of stalking.

Present law requires a judge to prepare a Uniform Abuse Prevention Order when granting certain restraining orders or injunctions prohibiting a person from harming a family or household member. Further requires the Uniform Abuse Prevention Order to be filed with the Louisiana Protective Order Registry.

Proposed law retains present law and adds orders directing a perpetrator of stalking to refrain from abusing, harassing, or interfering with the victim of the stalking when the perpetrator is a stranger to or acquaintance of the victim.

Proposed law creates the Protection From Stalking Act and designates victims of stalking committed by a stranger or acquaintance as a person eligible to receive all applicable services, benefits, and other forms of assistance provided by the Protection From Family Violence Act, including a summary proceeding for obtaining a civil order of protection, maintenance of orders of protection against stalking in the Louisiana Protective Order Registry, and assistance in completing the forms for application for the protective order.

(Amends C.C.P. Art. 3607.1; Adds R.S. 46:2171-2174)