

**House Study Bill 677 - Introduced**

HOUSE FILE \_\_\_\_\_  
BY (PROPOSED COMMITTEE  
ON JUDICIARY BILL BY  
CHAIRPERSON HOLT)

**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act relating to the ability of peace officers to file  
2 a petition for emergency protective orders on behalf of  
3 persons seeking relief from domestic abuse.  
4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 236.6, Code 2024, is amended by adding  
2 the following new subsection:

3 NEW SUBSECTION. 1A. A peace officer may file a petition  
4 under subsection 1 on behalf of a person if that person claims  
5 to be in present danger of domestic abuse and the person  
6 requests the peace officer to submit the petition.

7 EXPLANATION

8 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with  
9 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

10 This bill allows a peace officer to file a petition to  
11 receive a 72-hour emergency protective order on a person's  
12 behalf if the person claims to be in present danger of domestic  
13 abuse and the person requests the peace officer to submit the  
14 petition.