

House File 523 - Introduced

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BY COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY

(SUCCESSOR TO HF 108)

A BILL FOR

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

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1 Section 1. Section 236.6, Code 2025, is amended by adding the
2 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 requests
6 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 receive
11 a 72-hour emergency protective order on a person's behalf if the
12 person claims to be in present danger of domestic abuse and the
13 person requests the peace officer to submit the petition.

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