

H.B. 456 Protection Order Amendments

This bill establishes procedures for the recognition and enforcement of Canadian domestic violence protection orders in the state of Utah.



What is a Canadian Domestic Violence Protection Order?

A Canadian domestic violence protection order is a legal judgment issued by a Canadian court to prevent domestic violence. It prohibits the respondent from various actions, such as being in physical proximity to the protected individual, contacting or harassing them, or being near specified locations associated with the protected individual.

What does this bill do?

- Individuals are allowed to register a Canadian domestic violence protection order in the state. Registration is not mandatory for enforcement but can be done if desired.
- Provides immunity from civil and criminal liability for various entities involved in the registration or enforcement of Canadian domestic violence protection orders if they act in good faith.
- It outlines the procedures that law enforcement officers and tribunals must follow when enforcing these orders, including provisions for determining probable cause, notifying parties involved, and providing opportunities for respondents to comply with the terms of the orders



Why is this bill important?

this bill serves to strengthen protections for victims of domestic violence by enabling the seamless recognition and enforcement of protection orders across borders and providing a clear legal framework for the enforcement process.