

# H.B. 159 Protection Order Amendments

This bill establishes procedures for the recognition, enforcement and registration 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 protect individuals from domestic violence. It restricts the respondent from actions such as approaching the protected individual, contacting or harassing them, or being near specified locations associated with the protected individual.

## What does this bill do?

- Individuals may register a Canadian domestic violence protection order in Utah, though registration is not required for enforcement.
- The bill grants immunity to officials acting in good faith during registration or enforcement.
- It also outlines procedures for law enforcement and courts, including determining probable cause, notifying parties, and allowing respondents a chance to comply.

## Why is this bill important?

This bill strengthens protections for domestic violence victims by ensuring the recognition and enforcement of Canadian protection orders in Utah, providing a clear legal framework for their implementation.

