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# H. R. 1923

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 16, 2021

Mr. HIMES (for himself and Ms. NORTON) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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## A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Lori Jackson Domestic  
5 Violence Survivor Protection Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS OF “INTIMATE PARTNER” AND “MIS-**  
2 **DEMEANOR CRIME OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE”**  
3 **EXPANDED.**

4 Section 921(a) of title 18, United States Code, is  
5 amended—

6 (1) by inserting before paragraph (32) the fol-  
7 lowing:

8 “(31) The term ‘covered domestic violence court  
9 order’ means a court order—

10 “(A) that was issued—

11 “(i) after a hearing of which such per-  
12 son received actual notice, and at which  
13 such person had an opportunity to partici-  
14 pate; or

15 “(ii) in the case of an ex parte order,  
16 relative to which notice and opportunity to  
17 be heard are provided—

18 “(I) within the time required by  
19 State, tribal, or territorial law; and

20 “(II) in any event within a rea-  
21 sonable time after the order is issued,  
22 sufficient to protect the due process  
23 rights of the person;

24 “(B) that restrains such person from—

25 “(i) harassing, stalking, or threat-  
26 ening an intimate partner of such person

1 or child of such intimate partner or person,  
2 or engaging in other conduct that would  
3 place an intimate partner in reasonable  
4 fear of bodily injury to the partner or  
5 child; or

6 “(ii) intimidating or dissuading a wit-  
7 ness from testifying in court; and

8 “(C) that—

9 “(i) includes a finding that such per-  
10 son represents a credible threat to the  
11 physical safety of such individual described  
12 in subparagraph (B); or

13 “(ii) by its terms explicitly prohibits  
14 the use, attempted use, or threatened use  
15 of physical force against such individual  
16 described in subparagraph (B) that would  
17 reasonably be expected to cause bodily in-  
18 jury.”;

19 (2) in paragraph (32), by striking all that fol-  
20 lows after “The term ‘intimate partner’” and insert-  
21 ing the following: “—

22 “(A) means, with respect to a person, the  
23 spouse of the person, a former spouse of the person,  
24 an individual who is a parent of a child of the per-

1 son, and an individual who cohabitates or has  
2 cohabited with the person; and

3 “(B) includes—

4 “(i) a dating partner (as defined in section  
5 2266) or former dating partner; and

6 “(ii) any other person similarly situated to  
7 a spouse who is protected by the domestic or  
8 family violence laws of the State, local, or tribal  
9 jurisdiction in which the injury occurred or  
10 where the victim resides.”; and

11 (3) in paragraph (33)(A)—

12 (A) in clause (i), by inserting after “Fed-  
13 eral, State,” the following: “municipal,”; and

14 (B) in clause (ii)—

15 (i) by striking “or the threatened”  
16 and inserting “the threatened”;

17 (ii) by inserting “or stalking” after  
18 “deadly weapon”; and

19 (iii) by inserting “dating partner (as  
20 defined in section 2266),” after “spouse,”  
21 each place it appears.

22 **SEC. 3. UNLAWFUL SALE OF FIREARM TO A PERSON SUB-**  
23 **JECT TO COURT ORDER.**

24 Section 922(d)(8) of title 18, United States Code, is  
25 amended to read as follows:

1           “(8) is subject to a covered domestic violence  
2           court order; or”.

3 **SEC. 4. LIST OF PERSONS SUBJECT TO A RESTRAINING OR**  
4           **SIMILAR ORDER PROHIBITED FROM POS-**  
5           **SESSING OR RECEIVING A FIREARM EX-**  
6           **PANDED.**

7           Section 922(g)(8) of title 18, United States Code, is  
8           amended to read as follows:

9           “(8) who is subject to a covered domestic vio-  
10          lence court order; or”.

11 **SEC. 5. TECHNICAL AND CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.**

12          The NICS Improvement Amendments Act of 2007  
13 (34 U.S.C. 40902 et seq.) is amended—

14           (1) in section 3(1) (34 U.S.C. 40903(1)), by  
15           striking “court order (as described in section  
16           922(g)(8)” and inserting “covered domestic violence  
17           court order (as defined in section 921(a)”); and

18           (2) in section 102(b)(1)(C)(v) (34 U.S.C.  
19           40912(b)(1)(C)(v)), by striking “court order de-  
20           scribed in section 922(g)(8)” and inserting “covered  
21           domestic violence court order, as defined in section  
22           921(a)”.

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