



104TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

2025 and 2026

HB1578

Introduced 1/28/2025, by Rep. Dave Vella

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

720 ILCS 5/12-3.1-5 new

Amends the Criminal Code of 2012. Creates the offense of domestic assault. Provides that a person commits the offense when, without lawful authority, he or she knowingly engages in conduct that places any family or household member in reasonable apprehension of great bodily harm, or permanent disability or disfigurement. Provides that if the defendant is arrested for domestic assault, upon release of the defendant from custody pending trial, the court, at the preliminary examination, shall order that the defendant refrain from contact or communication with the victim of the domestic assault and refrain from entering or remaining at the victim's residence for a minimum of 72 consecutive hours. Provides that domestic assault is a Class A misdemeanor. Defines "family or household member".

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1 AN ACT concerning criminal law.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Criminal Code of 2012 is amended by adding
5 Section 12-3.1-5 as follows:

6 (720 ILCS 5/12-3.1-5 new)

7 Sec. 12-3.1-5. Domestic assault.

8 (a) In this Section, "family or household member" has the
9 meaning ascribed to it in Section 112A-3 of the Code of
10 Criminal Procedure of 1963.

11 (b) A person commits a domestic assault when, without
12 lawful authority, he or she knowingly engages in conduct that
13 places any family or household member in reasonable
14 apprehension of great bodily harm, or permanent disability or
15 disfigurement.

16 (c) If the defendant is arrested for domestic assault,
17 upon release of the defendant from custody pending trial, the
18 court, at the preliminary examination held under Section 109-1
19 of the Code of Criminal Procedure of 1963, shall order that the
20 defendant refrain from contact or communication with the
21 victim of the domestic assault and refrain from entering or
22 remaining at the victim's residence for a minimum of 72
23 consecutive hours.

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(d) Sentence. Domestic assault is a Class A misdemeanor.