

**FINAL**  
**NO FISCAL IMPACT**

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**Prime Sponsor(s):** Sen. Morse  
Rep. Romanoff

**Bill Status:** Signed into Law

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**TITLE:** CONCERNING THE JURISDICTION OF COURTS TO ENTER ORDERS FOR THE PROTECTION OF PERSONS.

### **Summary of Assessment**

The bill allows a municipal court with authority to issue protective or restraining orders and any county court to order a temporary injunction keeping the defendant from stopping mortgage, rent, insurance, utility, services, or child support payments if the defendant is under a prior duty or legal obligation to make these payments. These orders may also prohibit a defendant from dispensing, concealing, transferring, or disposing of any property, unless it is done so out of necessity or in the usual course of business.

Any order issued cannot exceed 120 days from the date of the permanent civil protection order and may be superseded by an order issued in district court. The Governor signed the bill into law on May 27, 2007, and it is effective July 1, 2007.

By expanding the list of activities that the court may prohibit, the bill may result in additional contempt of court proceedings for alleged violations. However, the number of additional court proceedings is expected to be minimal and can be absorbed within Judicial Branch resources. As such, the bill is assessed as having no fiscal impact.

### **Departments Contacted**

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