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HOUSE BILL DRH30025-ND-5A

Short Title: Broaden Applicability of DV Statutes. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Warren, Moffitt, and Zachary (Primary Sponsors).

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT TO BROADEN THE APPLICABILITY OF VARIOUS DOMESTIC VIOLENCE  
3 STATUTES.

4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

5 **SECTION 1.** G.S. 50B-1(b) reads as rewritten:

6 "(b) For purposes of this section, the term "personal relationship" means a relationship  
7 wherein the parties involved:

8 (1) Are current or former ~~spouses;~~spouses.

9 (2) Are persons ~~of opposite sex~~ who live together or have lived ~~together;~~together.

10 (3) Are related as parents and children, including others acting in loco parentis to  
11 a minor child, or as grandparents and grandchildren. For purposes of this  
12 subdivision, an aggrieved party may not obtain an order of protection against  
13 a child or grandchild under the age of ~~16;~~16.

14 (4) Have a child in ~~common;~~common.

15 (5) Are current or former household ~~members;~~members.

16 (6) Are persons ~~of the opposite sex~~ who are in a dating relationship or have been  
17 in a dating relationship. For purposes of this subdivision, a dating relationship  
18 is one wherein the parties are romantically involved over time and on a  
19 continuous basis during the course of the relationship. A casual acquaintance  
20 or ordinary fraternization between persons in a business or social context is  
21 not a dating relationship."

22 **SECTION 2.** This act becomes effective December 1, 2021, and applies to offenses  
23 committed on or after that date.

