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An Act to Provide a Court Authority to Issue Proximity Restrictions in Protection from Abuse Orders

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DAREK M. GRANT Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator RAFFERTY of York.

Cosponsored by Representative KUHN of Falmouth, Representative SALISBURY of Westbrook and

Senators: BENNETT of Oxford, PIERCE of Cumberland, Representatives: DODGE of Belfast, MITCHELL of Cumberland, MURPHY of Scarborough.

1	Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:
2	Sec. 1. 19-A MRSA §4110, sub-§3, ¶E-1 is enacted to read:
3 4 5	E-1. Directing the defendant to refrain from knowingly being within a specified distance of the plaintiff or prohibiting the defendant from being present at a specific location;
6	Sec. 2. Effective date. This Act takes effect January 1, 2026.
7	SUMMARY
8 9 10 11	This bill amends the law governing protection from abuse orders to give the court, beginning January 1, 2026, the authority to issue a final protection order directing the defendant to refrain from knowingly being within a specified distance of the plaintiff or prohibiting the defendant from being present at a specific location.