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**An Act to Protect Victims of Domestic Abuse and Violence by
Amending the Law Regarding Proximity Restrictions in Final
Protection from Abuse Orders**

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

Reference to the Committee on Judiciary suggested and ordered printed.

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DAREK M. GRANT
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator RAFFERTY of York.

Cosponsored by Representative DODGE of Belfast and

Senators: BALDACCI of Penobscot, CARNEY of Cumberland, CURRY of Waldo,

DAUGHTRY of Cumberland, INGWERSEN of York, PIERCE of Cumberland,

Representatives: SARGENT of York, SHEEHAN of Biddeford.

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 E-1. Directing the defendant to refrain from knowingly being within a specified
4 distance of the plaintiff;

5 **SUMMARY**

6 This bill amends the law governing protection from abuse orders to give the court the
7 authority to issue a final protection order directing the defendant to refrain from knowingly
8 being within a specified distance of the plaintiff.