

Senate Bill 293

By: Senators Hamrick of the 30th and Stokes of the 43rd

AS PASSED SENATE

**A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT**

1 To amend Code Section 19-13-4 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
2 protective orders and consent agreements, issuance, expiration, and enforcement, so as to
3 change the duration of temporary protective orders; to provide for a short title; to provide for
4 related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

5 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:**

6 **SECTION 1.**

7 This Act shall be known and may be cited as the "Protection of the Victims of Domestic
8 Violence Act."

9 **SECTION 2.**

10 Code Section 19-13-4 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to protective
11 orders and consent agreements, issuance, expiration, and enforcement, is amended by
12 striking subsection (c) and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

13 "(c) Any ~~such orders~~ order granted under this Code section shall ~~not~~ remain in effect for
14 ~~more than six months~~ up to one year; provided, however, that upon the motion of a
15 petitioner and notice to the respondent and after a hearing, the court in its discretion may
16 convert a temporary order granted under this Code section to an order effective for not
17 more than three years or to a permanent order."

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19 **SECTION 3.**

20 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.