

House Bill 574

By: Representative Marin of the 96<sup>th</sup>

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 16-5-94 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to  
2 restraining and protective orders in stalking cases, so as to allow a protective order to include  
3 the protection of animals; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for  
4 other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 style="text-align:center">**SECTION 1.**

7 Code Section 16-5-94 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to restraining and  
8 protective orders in stalking cases, is amended by revising subsection (d) as follows:

9 "(d) The court may grant a protective order or approve a consent agreement to bring about  
10 a cessation of conduct constituting stalking. Orders or agreements may:

11 (1) Direct a party to refrain from such conduct;

12 (2) Order a party to refrain from harassing or interfering with the other;

13 (3) Award costs and attorney's fees to either party; ~~and~~

14 (4) Order either or all parties to receive appropriate psychiatric or psychological services  
15 as a further measure to prevent the recurrence of stalking; and

16 (5) Order a party to refrain from coming into contact with, harassing, or interfering with  
17 any animal at the other party's residence, yard, or premises."

18 style="text-align:center">**SECTION 2.**

19 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.