

**JOINT COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY
BILL SUMMARY**

BILL NO. H1818

TITLE: An Act regarding on behalf orders.

SPONSOR: Rep. Meghan K. Kilcoyne

COSPONSOR(S): None

HEARING DATE: June 10, 2025

PRIOR HISTORY: None

SENATE BILL: S1283 (Velis)

CURRENT LAW: Section 3 of Chapter 209A of the General Laws permits people suffering from abuse from a family or household member to file a complaint in the court requesting protection from such abuse. The court may issue orders requiring the defendant to refrain from abuse, refrain from contact, vacate a shared residence and temporary custody of children.

Section 3 of Chapter 258E permits any person suffering from harassment to file a complaint requesting protection from said harassment. The court may order the defendant to refrain from abuse or harassment, refrain from contacting the plaintiff, and remain away from the plaintiff's home or workplace.

BILL SUMMARY: Section 1 – Adds a new Section 9A to Chapter 209A requiring any “on behalf of” order relative to a minor child remain in effect until they reach adulthood, at which time the plaintiff can appear in court to determine if there should be an extension.

Section 2 – Adds a new Section 11A to Chapter 258E requiring any “on behalf of” order relative to a minor child remain in effect until they reach adulthood at which time the plaintiff can appear in court to determine if there should be an extension.