



General Assembly

**Substitute Bill No. 5326**

February Session, 2024



**AN ACT CONCERNING THE FACTORS THAT A COURT WILL  
CONSIDER WHEN DECIDING WHETHER A RESTRAINING ORDER IS  
TO BE EXTENDED.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subsection (g) of section 46b-15 of the general statutes is  
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October*  
3 *1, 2024*):

4 (g) No order of the court shall exceed one year, except that an order  
5 may be extended by the court upon motion of the applicant for such  
6 additional time as the court deems [necessary] appropriate for  
7 continued protection. In addition to other legally permissible factors to  
8 be considered by the court when determining whether an extension is  
9 appropriate, including, but not limited to, the factors set forth in  
10 subsection (b) of section 46b-15, the court shall consider: The severity of  
11 the acts that served as grounds for the order, the ongoing impact of such  
12 acts on the applicant, the respondent's adherence to, or violations of, the  
13 provisions of the order and any new or ongoing behavior on the part of  
14 the respondent that meets the criteria of domestic violence. The fact that  
15 a respondent has not violated the existing order shall not preclude the  
16 extension of such order. If the respondent has not appeared upon the  
17 initial application, service of a motion to extend an order may be made  
18 by first-class mail directed to the respondent at the respondent's last-

19 known address.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2024</i>	46b-15(g)

**JUD**      *Joint Favorable Subst.*