

Senate Bill 83

By: Senators Jackson of the 41st, Strickland of the 17th, Jones II of the 22nd and Kirkpatrick of the 32nd

AS PASSED SENATE

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1 To amend Article 7 of Chapter 5 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,
2 relating to stalking, so as to revise the eligibility for restraining orders; to provide for related
3 matters; to provide for an effective date and for applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and
4 for other purposes.

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

6 **SECTION 1.**

7 Article 7 of Chapter 5 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
8 stalking, is amended by revising subsection (a) of Code Section 16-5-94, relating to
9 restraining orders and protective orders, as follows:

10 "(a) A person who is not a minor who alleges stalking by another person may seek a
11 restraining order by filing a petition alleging conduct constituting stalking as defined in
12 Code Section 16-5-90 and including such conduct occurring at the residence of the
13 respondent. A person who is not a minor may also seek relief on behalf of a minor by
14 filing such a petition."

15 **SECTION 2.**

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16 This Act shall become effective on July 1, 2023, and shall apply to all conduct occurring on
17 and after such date.

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SECTION 3.

19 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.