

The Uniform Recognition and Enforcement of Canadian Orders for Protection Act

H.F. 3603:

- Rep. Moller, lead author
- Reps. O’Neill and Becker-Finn, co-authors
- Senate companion, S.F. 3492, Sen. Relph

Minnesota already recognizes domestic violence protection orders from other states; this act would expand reciprocity to Canada:

- Uniform act is a collaboration between the Uniform Law Commission and the Uniform Law Conference of Canada
- Worked out during the time Judge/Commissioner Harriet Lansing was President of the Uniform Law Commission in the United States
- Canadian provinces of Manitoba, Saskatchewan, British Columbia, and Quebec already recognize and enforce Minnesota orders for protection
- Has the potential to reduce violence in Minnesota with minimal cost
- May also assist business travel and promote tourism – Minnesota is one of the most-often visited states by Canadians

Legislative Activity:

- Enacted in 6 states, including North Dakota and Wisconsin, as well as Washington state, California, Nevada, and Delaware
- Introduced in Vermont this year in addition to Minnesota

Stakeholder support includes:

- Global Rights for Women (Cheryl Thomas)
- Violence Free Minnesota (Liz Richards and Katie Kramer)
- Minnesota County Attorneys Association (Nancy Haas)
- Minnesota State Court Administrator’s Office (Janet Marshall and Jeff Shorba)

ULC Representatives:

- Michele Timmons – Uniform Law Commissioner, former Revisor of Statutes
- Harriet Lansing – Uniform Law Commissioner, former President of the ULC and Minnesota Court of Appeals Judge

