

## Fighting Domestic Violence

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Someone who violates a protective order and commits murder could be sentenced to death under a bill passed by the state Senate.

Some district attorneys complained to lawmakers they were having trouble prosecuting cases in which a spouse was murdered despite a protective order. The bill in the Senate would add that violation as an aggravating circumstance that could lead to the death penalty. The person would first have to be convicted of first-degree murder.