

1591-S

Sponsor(s): House Committee on Judiciary (originally sponsored by Representatives Esser, Lantz, O'Brien, Lisk, Kirby, B. Chandler, Linville and Doumit)

Brief Description: Revising requirements for service of orders in harassment matters.

**HB 1591-S - DIGEST**

(DIGEST AS ENACTED)

Provides that the ex parte order and notice of hearing shall include at a minimum the date and time of the hearing set by the court to determine if the temporary order should be made effective for one year or more, and notice that if the respondent should fail to appear or otherwise not respond, an order for protection will be issued against the respondent pursuant to the provisions of this act, for a minimum of one year from the date of the hearing. The notice shall also include a brief statement of the provisions of the ex parte order and notify the respondent that a copy of the ex parte order and notice of hearing has been filed with the clerk of the court.

Declares that the court's order, entered after a hearing, need not be served on a respondent who fails to appear before the court, if material terms of the order have not changed from those contained in the temporary order, and it is shown to the court's satisfaction that the respondent has previously been served with the temporary order.