

108TH CONGRESS
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S. 1954

To amend the Violence Against Women Act of 2000 by expanding the legal assistance for victims of violence grant program to include legal assistance for victims of dating violence.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

NOVEMBER 25, 2003

Mr. CRAPO introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

A BILL

To amend the Violence Against Women Act of 2000 by expanding the legal assistance for victims of violence grant program to include legal assistance for victims of dating violence.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. LEGAL ASSISTANCE FOR VICTIMS OF DATING**
4 **VIOLENCE.**

5 Section 1201 of the Violence Against Women Act of
6 2000 (42 U.S.C. 3796gg–6) is amended—

7 (1) in subsection (a), by inserting “dating vio-
8 lence,” after “domestic violence,”;

1 (2) in subsection (b)—

2 (A) by redesignating paragraphs (1), (2),
3 and (3) as paragraphs (2), (3), and (4) respec-
4 tively;

5 (B) by inserting before paragraph (2), as
6 redesignated, the following:

7 “(1) DATING VIOLENCE.—The term ‘dating vio-
8 lence’ means violence committed by a person—

9 “(A) who is or has been in a social rela-
10 tionship of a romantic or intimate nature with
11 the victim; and

12 “(B) where the existence of such a rela-
13 tionship shall be determined based on a consid-
14 eration of—

15 “(i) the length of the relationship;

16 “(ii) the type of relationship; and

17 “(iii) the frequency of interaction be-
18 tween the persons involved in the relation-
19 ship.”; and

20 (C) in paragraph (3), as redesignated, by
21 inserting “dating violence,” after “domestic vio-
22 lence,”;

23 (3) in subsection (c)—

24 (A) in paragraph (1)—

1 (i) by inserting “, dating violence,”
 2 after “domestic violence”; and

3 (ii) by inserting “dating violence,”
 4 after “domestic violence,”;

5 (B) in paragraph (2), by inserting “dating
 6 violence,” after “domestic violence,”; and

7 (C) in paragraph (3), by inserting “dating
 8 violence,” after “domestic violence,”;

9 (4) in subsection (d)—

10 (A) in each of paragraphs (1), (2), and
 11 (3), by inserting “, dating violence,” after “do-
 12 mestic violence,”; and

13 (B) in paragraph (4), by inserting “dating
 14 violence,” after “domestic violence,”;

15 (5) in subsection (e), by inserting “dating vio-
 16 lence,” after “domestic violence,”; and

17 (6) in subsection (f)(2)(A), by inserting “dating
 18 violence,” after “domestic violence,”.

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