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Clarifies and strengthens the law to require a firearm to be removed when a domestic violence survivor is granted the firearm remedy in an order of protection.

Proposed changes to Illinois Domestic Violence Act and Firearm Restraining Order Act include:

- Requires firearm removal to occur during service of an emergency order of protection (OP) when granted by a judge.
- Clarifies existing language in statute for a judge to issue a warrant when granting the firearm remedy to allow for consistent firearm removal enforcement across the state.
- Closes a loophole in current statute by barring transfer of ownership of firearms when the firearm remedy is granted.
- Adds dating partners and ex-dating partners to the list of petitioners in the firearm restraining orders act to create additional avenues of firearm relief when an OP is not needed.

Risk of intimate-partner homicide **increases 500%** when abusers have access to a gun. Leaving a domestic violence relationship is a period of **high lethality risk**, including when filing for an OP. In DV homicides where the victim had an OP, 1/5 of victims were killed within 2 days of the order being issued.



On July 3, 2023, Karina Gonzalez and her 15 yearold daughter Daniela were shot and killed by Karina's husband, even though she had filed an order of protection that could have resulted in his firearm being removed by law enforcement.

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