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AN ACT

1 Amending Title 23 (Domestic Relations) of the Pennsylvania
2 Consolidated Statutes, in protection from abuse, further
3 providing for definitions and for relief.

4 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
5 hereby enacts as follows:

6 Section 1. Section 6102(a) of Title 23 of the Pennsylvania
7 Consolidated Statutes is amended by adding definitions to read:
8 § 6102. Definitions.

9 (a) General rule.--The following words and phrases when used
10 in this chapter shall have the meanings given to them in this
11 section unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

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13 "Post." To share, display, provide, upload, transmit,
14 publish, distribute, communicate or circulate content on a
15 social media platform.

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17 "Social media platform." A public or semipublic Internet-
18 based service or application that meets all of the following

1 criteria:

2 (1) A substantial function of the platform, service or
3 application is to connect users in order to allow users to
4 interact socially with each other within the service or
5 application, provided that a platform, service or application
6 that provides email or direct messaging services or cloud
7 computing shall not be considered to meet this criterion
8 solely on the basis of that function.

9 (2) The platform, service or application allows users to
10 do all of the following:

11 (i) Construct a public or semipublic profile for
12 purposes of signing into and using the platform, service
13 or application.

14 (ii) Populate a list of other users with whom an
15 individual shares a social connection within the system.

16 (iii) Create or post content viewable by other
17 users, including on message boards, in chat rooms or
18 through a landing page or main feed that presents the
19 user with content generated by other users.

20 "User." A person who posts content on a social media
21 platform.

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23 Section 2. Section 6108(a)(1) of Title 23 is amended to
24 read:

25 § 6108. Relief.

26 (a) General rule.--Subject to subsection (a.1), the court
27 may grant any protection order or approve any consent agreement
28 to bring about a cessation of abuse of the plaintiff or minor
29 children. The order or agreement may include:

30 (1) Directing the defendant to refrain from abusing the

1 plaintiff or minor children[.], including:

2 (i) prohibiting the defendant from accessing or
3 utilizing social media platforms; or

4 (ii) prohibiting the defendant from posting on
5 social media platforms.

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7 Section 3. This act shall take effect in 60 days.