## GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA SESSION 2005

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## **HOUSE DRH70333-LU-112 (04/12)**

Short Title: Domestic Violence Victims Empowerment Act. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Hilton and Johnson (Primary Sponsors).

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AN ACT ALLOWING DOMESTIC VIOLENCE VICTIMS TO OBTAIN A TEMPORARY CONCEALED HANDGUN PERMIT UPON SHOWING PROOF OF A PROTECTIVE ORDER ISSUED UNDER CHAPTER 50B OF THE GENERAL STATUTES IN ORDER TO EMPOWER DOMESTIC VIOLENCE VICTIMS TO PROTECT THEMSELVES AND THEIR FAMILIES.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

**SECTION 1.** G.S. 14-415.15 is amended by adding the following new subsection to read:

"(b1) Upon presentment to the sheriff of the items required under G.S. 14-415.13(a)(1), (2), and (3), and proof of a protective order issued under G.S. 50B-3 for the protection of the applicant, the sheriff shall issue a temporary permit within 24 hours. The permit shall remain in effect for the duration of the protective order and its renewal. The applicant shall have 30 days from the date the permit is issued to receive training on use of the handgun. If the applicant has not received training after the 30-day period, the sheriff may revoke the permit."

**SECTION 2.** G.S. 50B-3 is amended by adding the following new subsection to read:

- "(c1) Upon issuance of a protective order under this Chapter, the judge who issues the protective order shall inform the plaintiff of his or her rights under G.S. 14-415.15(b1)."
- **SECTION 3.** This act becomes effective October 1, 2005, and applies to orders issued on or after that date.