1	H.663
2	Introduced by Representatives Lefebvre of Orange, Achey of Middletown
3	Springs, Brennan of Colchester, Morgan, M. of Milton, and
4	Parsons of Newbury
5	Referred to Committee on
6	Date:
7	Subject: Family procedures; relief from abuse orders; relinquishment of
8	firearms; false statement in affidavit or petition
9	Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to make it a
10	crime if a person makes a false statement in an affidavit or petition for relief
11	from abuse and the false statement results in the removal of the defendant's
12	firearms.
13 14	An act relating to false statements made in connection with petitions for relief from abuse
15	It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:
16	Sec. 1. 13 V.S.A. § 1030 is amended to read:
17	§ 1030. VIOLATION OF AN ABUSE PREVENTION ORDER, AN ORDER
18	AGAINST STALKING OR SEXUAL ASSAULT, OR A
19	PROTECTIVE ORDER CONCERNING CONTACT WITH A
20	CHILD; FALSE STATEMENT IN REQUEST OR AFFIDAVIT

1	(a)(1) A person who intentionally commits an act prohibited by a court or
2	who fails to perform an act ordered by a court, in violation of an abuse
3	prevention order issued under 15 V.S.A. chapter 21 or 33 V.S.A. chapter 69, a
4	protective order that concerns contact with a child and is issued under
5	33 V.S.A. chapter 51, or an order against stalking or sexual assault issued
6	under 12 V.S.A. chapter 178, after the person has been served notice of the
7	contents of the order as provided in those chapters; or in violation of a foreign
8	abuse prevention order or an order against stalking or sexual assault issued by
9	a court in any other state, federally recognized Indian tribe, territory or
10	possession of the United States, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, or the
11	District of Columbia shall be imprisoned not more than one year or fined not
12	more than \$5,000.00, or both.
13	(2) A person who files a petition for relief from abuse under this
14	chapter, or who submits an affidavit accompanying the petition, knowing that
15	information in the petition or the affidavit is false, shall, if the false statement
16	results in the removal of the defendant's firearms, be imprisoned for not more
17	than one year or fined not more than \$1,000.00, or both.
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19	Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

This act shall take effect on passage.