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HB 187-FN - FINAL VERSION

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HOUSE BILL ***187-FN***

AN ACT relative to restraining orders sought by a parent on behalf of a minor child.

SPONSORS: Rep. Belcher, Carr. 4; Rep. Turcotte, Straf. 4

COMMITTEE: Children and Family Law

ANALYSIS

This bill expands against whom a parent or guardian may seek a restraining order on behalf of a minor child where abuse is alleged.

Explanation: Matter added to current law appears in ***bold italics***.
 Matter removed from current law appears ~~[in brackets and struck through.]~~
 Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

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In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty Five

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Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:

1 125:1 Child Protection Act; Petition for Protective Order Filed on Behalf of Minor. Amend RSA 169-
2 C:7-a, I and II to read as follows:

3 I.(a) A parent or guardian may file a petition for a protective order on behalf of a minor, alleging
4 abuse of the minor ~~[by a member of the minor's family or household]~~. The court shall not accept a petition
5 under this section that is filed by a child's parent against the other parent. Any order issued under this
6 chapter may be in addition to an order issued under RSA 173-B and any proceeding initiated under this
7 chapter may be consolidated with a proceeding under RSA 173-B.

8 (b) Any minor plaintiff who seeks a protective order under this chapter need not be
9 accompanied by a parent or guardian to receive relief or services under this chapter.

10 II. A guardian may file a petition for a protective order on behalf of his or her ward, alleging abuse
11 of the ward ~~[by a member of the ward's family or household]~~.

12 125:2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect January 1, 2026.

Approved: June 24, 2025
Effective Date: January 01, 2026

