

Chair Manning, Vice Chair Lanese, Ranking Member Celebrezze and Committee Members

SB171 was initially suggested by a law officer from the Heath Police Department here in Licking County. He indicated that multiple offenders violating protection orders were not discouraged from reoffending because their charge could never be more than an F5. He inquired why we couldn't make the penalties parallel to protection orders associated with Domestic matters. I contacted Senator Hottinger and explained the situation to him. He understood. He prepared and filed SB171. It is a good and needed change in the law. Please support it and move it if you can.

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