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Illinois considers tracking devices to enforce orders of protection

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SPRINGFIELD, Ill. (AP) - Mike Bischof has had little time to mourn since his older sister was shot and killed by her ex-boyfriend six weeks ago.

Instead, Bischof has been pushing Illinois lawmakers to use the latest technology in protecting other victims of domestic abuse.

Under his plan, people who have violated court orders of protection would be monitored with tracking devices. That way, authorities would know when an abuser gets too close to a past victim.

A handful of other states use similar tracking systems.

The Illinois House has approved the legislation unanimously. It now goes to the Senate. Even if it becomes law, supporters point out that they'll need to come up with state money for the program.

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