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## House panel advances legislation for GPS tracking of those who violate orders of protection

### Measure introduced in response to death of Cindy Bischof, who was killed by her ex-boyfriend

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An Illinois House committee has approved legislation that would allow people who violate orders of protection to be tracked with global positioning satellite devices.

The measure was introduced in response to the death of Cindy Bischof, 43, of Arlington Heights, who had obtained an order of protection against her former boyfriend, Michael L. Giroux. Bischof was fatally shot March 7 by Giroux, who then killed himself.

The proposal was approved Tuesday by a House committee, and a vote by the full House is expected Thursday or Friday, said state Rep. Suzanne Bassi (R-Palatine), its sponsor.

Bischof had asked a judge to order that Giroux be fitted with a GPS tracking device.

"The judge didn't have the authority," Bassi said. She said Bischof's family has been instrumental in bringing attention to the need for the legislation.

GPS tracking already is being used on people convicted of various crimes in at least 40 states, including Illinois, most often those considered sexual predators.

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