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H.B. No. 2703

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT
2 relating to the removal of a vacated protective order from the
3 protective order registry maintained by the Office of Court
4 Administration of the Texas Judicial System.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

6 SECTION 1. Section 72.154(b), Government Code, is amended
7 to read as follows:

8 (b) Publicly accessible information regarding each
9 protective order must consist of the following:

- 10 (1) the court that issued the protective order;
- 11 (2) the case number;
- 12 (3) the full name, county of residence, birth year,
13 and race or ethnicity of the person who is the subject of the
14 protective order;
- 15 (4) the dates the protective order was issued and
16 served; and
- 17 (5) ~~[the date the protective order was vacated, if~~
18 ~~applicable, and~~
- 19 ~~[(6)]~~ the date the protective order expired or will
20 expire, as applicable.

21 SECTION 2. Section 72.155(a), Government Code, is amended
22 to read as follows:

23 (a) The registry must include a copy of each application for
24 a protective order filed in this state and a copy of each protective

1 order issued in this state, including an [~~a vacated or~~] expired
2 order. Only an authorized user, the attorney general, a district
3 attorney, a criminal district attorney, a county attorney, a
4 municipal attorney, or a peace officer may access that information
5 under the registry.

6 SECTION 3. Section 72.157, Government Code, is amended by
7 amending Subsection (b) and adding Subsection (b-1) to read as
8 follows:

9 (b) For a protective order [~~that is vacated or~~] that has
10 expired, the clerk of the applicable court shall modify the record
11 of the order in the registry to reflect the order's status as
12 [~~vacated or~~] expired.

13 (b-1) For a protective order that is vacated, the clerk of
14 the applicable court shall remove the record of the order from the
15 registry.

16 SECTION 4. As soon as practicable after the effective date
17 of this Act, the Office of Court Administration of the Texas
18 Judicial System shall remove the record of any protective orders
19 that have been vacated from the protective order registry
20 established under Subchapter F, Chapter 72, Government Code, as
21 amended by this Act.

22 SECTION 5. This Act takes effect September 1, 2021.