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H.B. No. 3686

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to the investigation of alleged exploitation of certain  
3 elderly persons.

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

5 SECTION 1. Subchapter D, Chapter 48, Human Resources Code,  
6 is amended by adding Section 48.15215 to read as follows:

7 Sec. 48.15215. INVESTIGATIONS OF ALLEGED EXPLOITATION OF  
8 CERTAIN ELDERLY PERSONS. (a) An investigation of alleged  
9 exploitation of an elderly person may be continued by the adult  
10 protective services division of the department or by an entity  
11 authorized to conduct the investigation for up to two years  
12 following the date of the elderly person's death.

13 (b) This section applies only to an investigation that  
14 begins before an elderly person's death.

15 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
16 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
17 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
18 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
19 Act takes effect September 1, 2021.