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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the minimum duration of a protective order.

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

SECTION 1. Article 7B.007(a), Code of Criminal Procedure, is amended to read as follows:

(a) A protective order issued under Article 7B.003 may be effective for the duration of the lives of the offender and victim or for a [any shorter] period of not less than one year stated in the order. If a period is not stated in the order, the order is effective until the second anniversary of the date the order was issued.

SECTION 2. Section 85.025(a), Family Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) Except as otherwise provided by this section, an order under this subtitle is effective:

(1) for a [the] period of not less than one year and not more than two years stated in the order [~~, not to exceed two years~~]; or

(2) if a period is not stated in the order, until the second anniversary of the date the order was issued.

SECTION 3. The change in law made by this Act applies only to a protective order rendered on or after the effective date of this Act. A protective order rendered before the effective date of this Act is governed by the law in effect on the date the order was

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1 rendered, and the former law is continued in effect for that  
2 purpose.

3 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.