

Amend SB 1783 in SECTION 1 of the bill by striking added Subsection (c), Section 6.702, Family Code (committee printing page 1, lines 12 through 15), and substituting the following:

(c) A waiting period is not required under Subsection (a) before a court may grant a divorce in a suit in which:

(1) the respondent has been finally convicted of an offense an element of which included the respondent assaulting or threatening the petitioner;

(2) a party submits to the court evidence that the other party to the suit has committed family violence against the party or has mentally, emotionally, verbally, or psychologically abused the party, including:

(A) a copy of a protective order issued under Title 4 against the other party because of family violence;

(B) a police record documenting family violence by the other party against the party submitting the evidence;

(C) a statement by a physician or other medical evidence that indicates that the party submitting the evidence was a victim of family violence; or

(D) a sworn statement by a counselor or advocate in a family violence program that indicates that the party submitting the evidence was a victim of family violence or mental, emotional, verbal, or psychological abuse; or

(3) the parties submit to the court a certificate of completion of a crisis marriage education course.