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H.B. No. 482

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to agreed orders in family law matters.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter H, Chapter 6, Family Code, is amended by adding Section 6.7021 to read as follows:

Sec. 6.7021. AGREED ORDER. An agreed order in a suit for dissolution of a marriage must comply with Section 105.0061.

SECTION 2. Section 85.005, Family Code, is amended by adding Subsection (f) to read as follows:

(f) An agreed protective order must comply with Section 105.0061.

SECTION 3. Chapter 105, Family Code, is amended by adding Section 105.0061 to read as follows:

Sec. 105.0061. AGREED ORDER. An agreed order in a suit affecting the parent-child relationship or other suit under this code, other than Title 3, is not valid unless the order is signed by each party to the suit and each attorney representing a party to the suit. Each party and party's attorney must sign the order before the order is signed by the judge or entered into the record.

SECTION 4. The changes in law made by this Act apply only to an agreed order entered into on or after the effective date of this Act. An agreed order entered into before the effective date of this Act is governed by the law in effect on the date on which the order was entered into, and the former law is continued in effect for that

1 purpose.

2 SECTION 5. This Act takes effect September 1, 2011.