1   AN ACT

2 relating to the duration of protective orders issued in cases of

3 family violence against persons who are subsequently confined or

4 imprisoned.

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

6   SECTION 1. Section 85.025(c), Family Code, is amended to

7 read as follows:

8   (c) If a person who is the subject of a protective order is

9 confined or imprisoned on the date the protective order would

10 expire under Subsection (a) or (a-1), or if the protective order

11 would expire not later than the first anniversary of the date the

12 person is released from confinement or imprisonment, the period for

13 which the order is effective is extended, and the order expires on:

14   (1) the first anniversary of the date the person is

15 released from confinement or imprisonment, if the person was

16 sentenced to confinement or imprisonment for more than five years;

17 or

18   (2) the second anniversary of the date the person is

19 released from confinement or imprisonment, if the person was

20 sentenced to confinement or imprisonment for five years or less.

21   SECTION 2. Section 85.025(c), Family Code, as amended by

22 this Act, applies only to a protective order issued on or after the

23 effective date of this Act. A protective order issued before the

24 effective date of this Act is governed by the law in effect on the

1 date the order is issued, and the former law is continued in effect

2 for that purpose.

3   SECTION 3.   This Act takes effect immediately if it receives

4 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as

5 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution.   If this

6 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this

7 Act takes effect September 1, 2015.

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  President of the Senate   Speaker of the House

   I certify that H.B. No. 388 was passed by the House on April 16, 2015, by the following vote: Yeas 146, Nays 0, 2 present, not voting.

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                Chief Clerk of the House

   I certify that H.B. No. 388 was passed by the Senate on May 22, 2015, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

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                Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: _____
        Date

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     Governor