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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the investigation of alleged exploitation of certain elderly persons.

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

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

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

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

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