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H.B. No. 4134

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to the provision of assistance to certain elderly persons  
3 in obtaining certain protective orders.

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

5 SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 48, Human Resources Code,  
6 is amended by adding Section 48.008 to read as follows:

7 Sec. 48.008. PROVISION OF ASSISTANCE IN OBTAINING CERTAIN  
8 ORDERS. (a) In this section, "family violence" has the meaning  
9 assigned by Section 71.004, Family Code.

10 (b) At the request of an elderly person and to exclude from  
11 the elderly person's residence an individual who has committed an  
12 act of physical or verbal abuse against the elderly person that is  
13 alleged to constitute family violence, the department shall provide  
14 assistance to the elderly person in obtaining a temporary ex parte  
15 order under Section 83.006, Family Code, to exclude the individual  
16 from the elderly person's residence.

17 (c) The commissioner shall adopt rules as necessary to  
18 implement this section.

19 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2021.