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H.B. No. 1697

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the definitions of family violence and household member for purposes of crime victims' compensation.

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

SECTION 1. Articles 56B.003(6) and (7), Code of Criminal Procedure, are amended to read as follows:

(6) "Family violence" has the meaning assigned by Section 71.004 [~~71.004(1)~~], Family Code.

(7) "Household member" means an individual who ~~who~~ ~~[(A) is related by consanguinity or affinity to the victim; and~~

~~[(B)]~~ resided in the same permanent household as the victim at the time that the criminally injurious conduct occurred.

SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies only to compensation for criminally injurious conduct occurring on or after the effective date of this Act. Compensation for criminally injurious conduct occurring before the effective date of this Act is governed by the law in effect on the date the conduct occurred, and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose. For purposes of this section, criminally injurious conduct occurred before the effective date of this Act if any element of the offense underlying the conduct occurred before that date.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.