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H.B. No. 2243

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

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

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

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

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

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

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

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.