By: Jones of Harris H.B. No. 4630

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to access to and notification of protective order registry information for civil attorneys, courts, prosecuting attorneys, peace officers, and victims pro se.

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

SECTION 1. This Act may be cited as Anthony's Law.

SECTION 2. Subchapter F, Chapter 72, Government Code, is amended by adding Section 72.1555 to read as follows:

Sec. 72.1555. ACCESS TO AND NOTIFICATION OF CERTAIN REGISTRY INFORMATION. (a) The protective order registry must be configured to provide access to information in the registry to:

(1) a court with jurisdiction over a case in which a person who is subject to a protective order appears related to a civil violation of the protective order or for any criminal offense;

(2) the attorney general or a district attorney, criminal district attorney, civil attorney, county attorney, municipal attorney, or victim pro se who is prosecuting a person who is subject to the protective order; or

(3) a peace officer who is investigating a person who is subject to the protective order.

(b) If a person subject to a protective order issued by a court appears in a court of another county for a civil violation of the protective order or any criminal offense, the registry must be

configured to provide notice to the court that issued the protective order of:

(1) the time, place, and nature of the person's violation or offense;

(2) the name and location of the court with jurisdiction over the violation or offense;

(3) the name and contact information of the attorney general or the district attorney, criminal district attorney, county attorney, or municipal attorney who is prosecuting the violation or offense; and

(4) the name and contact information of any peace officer whose information is included in the registry as the investigator for the violation or offense.

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