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H.B. No. 782

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the transfer of a protective order.

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

SECTION 1. Sections 85.064(a) and (b), Family Code, are amended to read as follows:

(a) If a protective order was rendered before the filing of a suit for dissolution of marriage or suit affecting the parent-child relationship or while the suit is pending as provided by Section 85.062, the court that rendered the order shall ~~may~~, on the motion of a party or on the court's own motion, transfer the protective order to the court having jurisdiction of the suit ~~[if the court makes the finding prescribed by Subsection (c)]~~.

(b) If a protective order that affects a party's right to possession of or access to a child is rendered after the date a final order was rendered in a suit affecting the parent-child relationship, on the motion of a party or on the court's own motion, the court shall ~~may~~ transfer the protective order to the court of continuing, exclusive jurisdiction ~~[if the court makes the finding prescribed by Subsection (c)]~~.

SECTION 2. Section 85.064(c), Family Code, is repealed.

SECTION 3. Section 85.064, Family Code, as amended by this Act, applies only to a motion to transfer a protective order that is made on or after the effective date of this Act. A motion made before the effective date of this Act is governed by the law in

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1 effect on the date the motion was made, and the former law is
2 continued in effect for that purpose.

3 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.