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H.B. No. 1863

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the duration of a protective order against family violence.

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

SECTION 1. Section 85.025(a-1), Family Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a-1) The court may render a protective order applying only to a person found to have committed family violence sufficient to protect the applicant and members of the applicant's family or household that is effective for a period that exceeds two years and may be for the lives of the persons protected by the protective order and the person who is the subject of the protective order ~~[if the court finds that the person who is the subject of the protective order:~~

~~[(1) committed an act constituting a felony offense involving family violence against the applicant or a member of the applicant's family or household, regardless of whether the person has been charged with or convicted of the offense,~~

~~[(2) caused serious bodily injury to the applicant or a member of the applicant's family or household, or~~

~~[(3) was the subject of two or more previous protective orders rendered:~~

~~[(A) to protect the person on whose behalf the current protective order is sought, and~~

1 ~~[(B) after a finding by the court that the~~
2 ~~subject of the protective order has committed family violence].~~

3 SECTION 2. Section 85.001(d), Family Code, is repealed.

4 SECTION 3. The change in law made by this Act applies only
5 to a protective order rendered on or after the effective date of
6 this Act. A protective order rendered before the effective date of
7 this Act is governed by the law in effect on the date the order is
8 rendered, and the former law is continued in effect for that
9 purpose.

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