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S.B. No. 1077

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT
2 relating to the duration of a protective order against family
3 violence.

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

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

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

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

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

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

23 [~~(A) to protect the person on whose behalf the~~
24 ~~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 Section 85.001(d), Family Code, is repealed.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.