

By: Castro

H.B. No. 2202

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to protective orders against dating violence.

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

4 SECTION 1. Section 71.0021(a), Family Code, is amended to
5 read as follows:

16 SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act to Section
17 71.0021, Family Code, applies only to an application for a
18 protective order that is filed on or after the effective date of
19 this Act. An application for a protective order filed before the
20 effective date of this Act is governed by the law in effect on the
21 date the application is filed, and the former law is continued in
22 effect for that purpose.

23 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
24 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as

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1 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
2 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
3 Act takes effect September 1, 2009.