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H.B. No. 1532

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to a temporary abatement of evictions of residential tenants during a pandemic.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 24, Property Code, is amended by adding Section 24.012 to read as follows:

Sec. 24.012. TEMPORARY ABATEMENT OF EVICTION OF RESIDENTIAL TENANT DURING PANDEMIC. (a) In this section:

(1) "Pandemic disease" means an infectious disease that spreads to a significant portion of the population of a country, multiple countries, or the world and that poses a substantial risk of a significant number of human fatalities, illnesses, or permanent long-term disabilities.

(2) "State of disaster" means a state of disaster declared by the governor under Section 418.014, Government Code.

(b) An action under this chapter to evict a residential tenant is automatically abated without a court order during the period a state of disaster related to a pandemic disease is in effect.

(c) During the period a state of disaster related to a pandemic disease is in effect, an officer may not execute a writ of possession relating to the eviction of a residential tenant.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2022.