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H.B. No. 3882

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to a landlord's duty to inspect for and treat bedbugs in residential rental units.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 92, Property Code, is amended by adding Section 92.0521 to read as follows:

Sec. 92.0521. LANDLORD'S DUTY TO INSPECT FOR AND TREAT BEDBUGS; DISCLOSURE. (a) Except as provided by Subsection (b), during a tenant's lease term or during a renewal or extension, the landlord has a duty to inspect and treat, at the landlord's expense, the leased premises for bedbugs.

(b) A tenant may decline in writing the landlord's inspection for and treatment of bedbugs under Subsection (a).

(c) A provision stating the landlord's duty under this section must be included in a lease agreement signed by the tenant.

SECTION 2. Section 92.0521, Property Code, as added by this Act, applies only to a lease entered into or renewed on or after the effective date of this Act.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2021.