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H.B. No. 374

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to a parent's right to discipline the parent's child.

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

SECTION 1. Section 151.001, Family Code, is amended by adding Subsection (e) to read as follows:

(e) A parent may use corporal punishment for the reasonable discipline of the parent's child.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2003.