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H.B. No. 375

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to limiting the award of attorney's fees by a justice
3 court.

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

5 SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 27, Government Code, is
6 amended by adding Section 27.035 to read as follows:

7 Sec. 27.035. LIMITATION ON AWARD OF ATTORNEY'S FEES. (a) A
8 justice court may not award attorney's fees in any civil action in
9 an amount greater than \$500.

10 (b) This section does not authorize an award of attorney's
11 fees.

12 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2003, and
13 applies only to a cause of action that accrues on or after that
14 date. An action that accrued before the effective date of this Act
15 is governed by the law applicable to the action immediately before
16 the effective date of this Act, and that law is continued in effect
17 for that purpose.