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H.B. No. 2187

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to requiring a residential landlord to provide notice to
3 certain tenants regarding the interruption of utilities in certain
4 circumstances.

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

6 SECTION 1. Section 92.008, Property Code, is amended by
7 adding Subsections (h) and (i) to read as follows:

8 (h) Except as provided by Subsection (i), a landlord who
9 interrupts utility services for bona fide repairs or construction
10 under this section shall deliver written notice of the impending
11 interruption to a tenant affected by the interruption not later
12 than 72 hours before the time that repair or construction work
13 begins. The notice must specify the estimated amount of time
14 necessary to complete the repairs or construction.

15 (i) A landlord who interrupts utility services for an
16 emergency is not required to provide notice under Subsection (h).

17 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2003.