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H.B. No. 2844

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to the exemption from the requirement that a person
3 register as a property tax consultant to perform certain property
4 tax consulting services.

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

6 SECTION 1. Section 1152.002(a), Occupations Code, is
7 amended to read as follows:

8 (a) A person is not required to be registered under this
9 chapter if the person:

10 (1) is acting under a general power of attorney,
11 unless the person represents that the person is a property tax
12 consultant, agent, advisor, or representative;

13 (2) is licensed to practice law in this state;

14 (3) is an employee of a property owner or of an
15 affiliated or subsidiary company of a property owner and performs
16 property tax consulting services for:

17 (A) the property owner; or

18 (B) a partnership, joint venture, or corporation
19 in which the property owner owns an interest;

20 (4) is a lessee of a property owner and is designated
21 as the agent of the owner in accordance with Section 1.111, Tax
22 Code;

23 (5) is a public employee or officer and assists a
24 property owner in the course of the employee's or officer's duties;

1 (6) is a certified public accountant under Chapter
2 901;

3 (7) assists another person in the performance of
4 property tax consulting services or provides testimony on behalf of
5 the other person at a protest hearing under Subchapter C, Chapter
6 41, Tax Code; or

7 (8) provides property tax consulting services only in
8 connection with farms, ranches, or single-family residences and:

9 (A) holds an active real estate broker license or
10 an active real estate salesperson license under Chapter 1101; or

11 (B) is a licensed real estate appraiser or
12 certified real estate appraiser under Chapter 1103.

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