

1-1 By: Casteel (Senate Sponsor - Wentworth) H.B. No. 2844  
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 19, 2003;  
1-3 May 20, 2003, read first time and referred to Committee on  
1-4 Intergovernmental Relations; May 23, 2003, reported favorably by  
1-5 the following vote: Yeas 5, Nays 0; May 23, 2003, sent to printer.)

1-6 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
1-7 AN ACT

1-8 relating to the exemption from the requirement that a person  
1-9 register as a property tax consultant to perform certain property  
1-10 tax consulting services.

1-11 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-12 SECTION 1. Section 1152.002(a), Occupations Code, is  
1-13 amended to read as follows:

1-14 (a) A person is not required to be registered under this  
1-15 chapter if the person:

1-16 (1) is acting under a general power of attorney,  
1-17 unless the person represents that the person is a property tax  
1-18 consultant, agent, advisor, or representative;

1-19 (2) is licensed to practice law in this state;

1-20 (3) is an employee of a property owner or of an  
1-21 affiliated or subsidiary company of a property owner and performs  
1-22 property tax consulting services for:

1-23 (A) the property owner; or

1-24 (B) a partnership, joint venture, or corporation  
1-25 in which the property owner owns an interest;

1-26 (4) is a lessee of a property owner and is designated  
1-27 as the agent of the owner in accordance with Section 1.111, Tax  
1-28 Code;

1-29 (5) is a public employee or officer and assists a  
1-30 property owner in the course of the employee's or officer's duties;

1-31 (6) is a certified public accountant under Chapter  
1-32 901;

1-33 (7) assists another person in the performance of  
1-34 property tax consulting services or provides testimony on behalf of  
1-35 the other person at a protest hearing under Subchapter C, Chapter  
1-36 41, Tax Code; or

1-37 (8) provides property tax consulting services only in  
1-38 connection with farms, ranches, or single-family residences and:

1-39 (A) holds an active real estate broker license or  
1-40 an active real estate salesperson license under Chapter 1101; or

1-41 (B) is a licensed real estate appraiser or  
1-42 certified real estate appraiser under Chapter 1103.

1-43 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
1-44 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
1-45 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
1-46 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
1-47 Act takes effect September 1, 2003.

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