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H.B. No. 2949

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to agreements that waive the right to demand a jury trial.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 30, Civil Practice and Remedies Code, is amended by adding Section 30.006 to read as follows:

Sec. 30.006. WAIVER OF RIGHT TO DEMAND JURY TRIAL. A written agreement in which a person waives the person's right to demand a jury trial must contain the following statement in bold, underlined, capitalized, 16-point type:

"BY ENTERING INTO THIS AGREEMENT YOU ARE WAIVING YOUR RIGHT TO DEMAND A JURY TRIAL. THE LAW DOES NOT REQUIRE THAT YOU WAIVE THIS RIGHT."

SECTION 2. This Act applies only to a written agreement entered into on or after the effective date of this Act. A written agreement entered into before the effective date of this Act is governed by the law in effect immediately before that date, and that law is continued in effect for that purpose.