

Amend CSHB 3 as follows:

(1) On page 35, line 9, strike "7.25" and substitute "_____".

(2) On page 59, between lines 2 and 3, insert the following appropriately numbered ARTICLE and renumber ARTICLES of the bill appropriately:

ARTICLE ____ . EXEMPLARY DAMAGES AWARDS

SECTION ____ .01. Chapter 41, Civil Practice and Remedies Code, is amended by adding Section 41.014 to read as follows:

Sec. 41.014. PAYMENT OF AWARDS TO GENERAL REVENUE FUND.

(a) The court shall order 50 percent of an award of exemplary damages in an action be paid to the comptroller for deposit in the general revenue fund.

(b) The provisions of this section may not be made known to the jury through any means, including voir dire, introduction into evidence, or instruction.

SECTION ____ .02. The change in law made by this article applies only to a cause of action that accrues on or after the effective date of this Act. A cause of action that accrues 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.