

1-1 By: Geren, et al. H.B. No. 941
1-2 (Senate Sponsor - Eltife, Averitt)
1-3 (In the Senate - Received from the House April 21, 2005;
1-4 April 22, 2005, read first time and referred to Committee on
1-5 Business and Commerce; May 12, 2005, reported favorably by the
1-6 following vote: Yeas 8, Nays 0; May 12, 2005, sent to printer.)

1-7 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-8 AN ACT

1-9 relating to restrictions on the use of claims history for certain
1-10 water damage.

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

1-12 SECTION 1. Section 2, Article 5.35-4, Insurance Code, is
1-13 amended by adding Subdivision (4) to read as follows:

1-14 (4) "Appliance" means a household device operated by
1-15 gas or electric current, including hoses directly attached to the
1-16 device. The term includes air conditioning units, heating units,
1-17 refrigerators, dishwashers, icemakers, clothes washers, water
1-18 heaters, and disposals.

1-19 SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies only
1-20 to a residential property insurance policy delivered, issued for
1-21 delivery, or renewed on or after January 1, 2006. An insurance
1-22 policy delivered, issued for delivery, or renewed before January 1,
1-23 2006, is governed by the law in effect immediately before the
1-24 effective date of this Act, and that law is continued in effect for
1-25 that purpose.

1-26 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2005.

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