By: Goolsby (Senate Sponsor - Wentworth) (In the Senate - Received from the House April 11, 2005; April 12, 2005, read first time and referred to Committee on Business and Commerce; May 11, 2005, reported adversely, with favorable Committee Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 7, Navs 0: May 11, 2005, sent to printer.) 1-1 1-2 1-3 1-4 1-5 Nays 0; May 11, 2005, sent to printer.) 1-6 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR H.B. No. 1045 1-7 By: Armbrister 1-8 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED 1-9 AN ACT 1-10 relating to amendments to the Texas Timeshare Act. 1-11 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS: 1-12 SECTION 1. Section 221.002, Property Code, is amended to read as follows: 1-13 1**-**14 1**-**15 Sec. 221.002. DEFINITIONS. As used in this chapter: (1) "Accommodation" means any apartment, condominium or cooperative unit, [or] hotel or motel room, cabin, lodge, or 1-16 1-17 other private or commercial structure that: (A) is affixed to real property;(B) is designed for occupancy or use by one or 1-18 1-19 1-20 more individuals; and is part of [in a building or commercial 1-21 (C) 1-22 structure that is situated on] a timeshare plan [property and 1-23 subject to a timeshare regime]. (2) "Advertisement [Advertising]" means any written, or electronic communication that is directed to or targeted 1-24 1-25 oral, at individuals in this state and contains a promotion, [direct or 1-26 indirect solicitation or] inducement, or offer to sell a timeshare 1-27 interest, including a promotion, inducement, or offer to sell: 1-28 (A) contained in a brochure, pamphlet, or radio or television transcript; (B) communicated by [to purchase and includes a 1-29 1-30 1-31 solicitation or inducement made by print or] electronic media or 1-32 1-33 telephone; or 1-34 (C) <u>solicited</u>[τ] through <u>direct</u> [the] mail[τ or 1-35 by personal contact]. "Amenities" means all common areas and includes 1-36 (3) recreational and maintenance facilities of the timeshare plan 1-37 1-38 [property]. (4) "Assessment" means an amount assessed against or collected from a purchaser by an association or its managing entity 1-39 1-40 in a fiscal year, regardless of the frequency with which the amount 1-41 1-42 is assessed or collected, to cover expenditures, charges, reserves, or liabilities related to the operation of a timeshare plan or timeshare properties managed by the same managing entity. (5) "Association" means a council or association 1-43 1-44 1-45 composed of all persons who have purchased a timeshare interest. 1-46 "Commission" 1-47 (6) means the Texas Real Estate 1-48 Commission. (7) "Component site" means a specific geographic where accommodations that are part of a multisite 1-49 1-50 location 1-51 timeshare plan are located. Separate phases of a single timeshare property in a specific geographic location and under common 1-52 1-53 management are a single component site. "Council of purchasers" means a council or 1-54 <u>(8)</u> [(5) 1-55 association composed of all persons who have purchased a timeshare 1-56 estate. 1-57 "Developer" means<u>:</u> [(6)] (A) any person, excluding a sales agent, who creates a timeshare plan or is in the business of selling timeshare interests or employs a sales agent to sell timeshare interests; or 1-58 1-59 1-60 (B) any person who succeeds in the developer's 1-61 1-62 interest by sale, lease, assignment, mortgage, or other transfer if 1-63 the person:

(i) offers at least 12 timeshare interests in a particular timeshare plan; and

(ii) is in the business of selling timeshare interests or employs a sales agent to sell timeshare interests [regime].

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(9) [-(7)] "Dispose" or "disposition" means a voluntary transfer of any legal or equitable timeshare interest but does not include the transfer or release of a real estate lien or of a security interest.

<u>(10)</u> [(8)] "Escrow agent" means <u>a</u> [<u>an independent</u>] bonded escrow company, <u>a financial</u> [or an] institution whose accounts are insured by a governmental agency or instrumentality, or an attorney or title insurance agent licensed in this state [and] who is responsible for the receipt and disbursement of funds in accordance with this chapter.

accordance with this chapter. (11) [(9)] "Exchange company" means any person[including a developer-] who owns or operates an exchange program. (12) [(10)] "Exchange disclosure statement" means a

(12) [(10)] "Exchange disclosure statement" means a written statement that includes the information required by Section 221.033 [201.033].

(13) [(11)] "Exchange program" means any method, arrangement, or procedure for the voluntary exchange of [program under which the owner of a] timeshare interests among purchasers or owners [interest may exchange a timeshare period for another timeshare period in the same or a different timeshare property, but does not include a one-time exchange of timeshare periods in the same timeshare property if offered to a purchaser by a developer after that purchaser's disposition].

(14) "Incidental use right" means the right to use accommodations and amenities at one or more timeshare properties that is not guaranteed and is administered by the managing entity of the timeshare properties that makes vacant accommodations at the timeshare properties available to owners of timeshare interests in the timeshare properties.

the timeshare properties. (15) [(12)] "Managing entity" means the person responsible for operating and maintaining a timeshare property.

2-37 (16) "Multisite timeshare plan" means a plan in which 2-38 a timeshare purchaser has: 2-39 (A) a specific timeshare interest, which is the

(A) a specific timeshare interest, which is the right to use and occupy accommodations at a specific timeshare property and the right to use and occupy accommodations at one or more other component sites created by or acquired solely through the reservation system of the timeshare plan; or

the reservation system of the timeshare plan; or (B) a nonspecific timeshare interest, which is the right to use and occupy accommodations at more than one component site created by or acquired solely through the reservation system of the timeshare plan but which does not include a right to use and occupy a particular accommodation. (17) [(13) "Master deed" or "master lease" or

(17) [(13) "Master deed" or "master lease" or "declaration" means the deed, lease, or declaration establishing real property as a timeshare regime.

[(14)] "Offering" or "offer" means any advertisement, inducement, or solicitation and includes any attempt to encourage a person to purchase a timeshare interest other than as a security for an obligation.

2-55 2-56 (18) [(15)] "Project instrument" means <u>a timeshare</u> 2-57 instrument or one or more recordable documents, by whatever name 2-58 denominated, applying to the whole of a timeshare project and containing restrictions or covenants regulating the use, occupancy, or disposition of units in a project, including a [master_deed, master_lease,] declaration for a condominium, 2-59 2-60 2-61 2-62 association articles of incorporation, association [or] bylaws, and rules for a condominium in which a timeshare plan is created. (19) [(16)] "Promotion" means any program, [or] activity, contest, or gift, prize, or other item of value used to induce any person to attend a timeshare sales presentation. 2-63 2-64 2-65 2-66

2-67 (20) [(17) "Promotional disclosure statement" means a 2-68 written statement that includes the information required by Section 2-69 201.031.

C.S.H.B. No. 1045 [(18)] "Purchaser" means any person, other than a <u>developer</u> [seller], who by means of a voluntary transfer acquires a 3-1 3-2 3-3 legal or equitable interest in a timeshare interest other than as a 3-4 security for an obligation. 3-5

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3-62 3-63 3-64 (21) "Reservation system" means the method, arrangement, or procedure by which a purchaser, in order to reserve the use and occupancy of an accommodation of a multisite timeshare plan for one or more timeshare periods, is required to compete with other purchasers in the same multisite timeshare plan, regardless of whether the reservation system is operated and maintained by the multisite timeshare plan, a managing entity, an exchange company, or any other person. If a purchaser is required to use an exchange program as the purchaser's principal means of obtaining the right to use and occupy the accommodations and facilities of the plan, the arrangement is considered a reservation system. If the exchange company uses a mechanism to exchange timeshare periods among members of the exchange program, the use of the mechanism is not

<u>considered a reservation system of the multisite timeshare plan.</u> [(19) "Seller" means any person, including a developer, who in the ordinary course of business offers a timeshare interest for sale to the public, but does not include a person who acquires a timeshare interest for his use and subsequently offers it for resale.

[(20) "Substantially complete" means that the 3-24 timeshare unit, including furnishings and appliances, is complete as represented in the timeshare disclosure statement, the 3-25 3-26 accommodations are ready for occupancy, and the amenities dedicated 3-27 to the timeshare regime are as represented in the timeshare 3-28 3-29 disclosure statement.

[(21) "Timeshare estate" means any arrangement under which the purchaser receives a freehold estate or an estate for years in a timeshare property and the right to use an accommodation or amenities, or both, in that property for a timeshare period on a

recurring basis.] (22) "Single-site timeshare plan" means a timeshare plan in which a timeshare purchaser's right to use and occupy accommodations is limited to a single timeshare property. A single-site timeshare plan that includes an incidental use right or a program under which the owner of a timeshare interest at a specific timeshare property may exchange a timeshare period for another timeshare period at the same or another timeshare property under common management does not transform the single-site timeshare plan into a multisite timeshare plan.

(23) "Timeshare disclosure statement" means a written statement that includes the information required by Section 221.032 $[\frac{201.032}{}]$.

(24) [(23)] "Timeshare estate [expenses]" means an arrangement under which the purchaser receives a right to occupy [expenditures, charges, or liabilities for the operation of] a timeshare property and an estate interest in the real property [or timeshare system, including any allocations to maintain reserves but excluding any purchase money payable for timeshare interests: [(A) incurred in connection with a timeshare

interest by or on behalf of the owner of all timeshare interests in a timeshare property; and [(B) imposed on timeshare interests by the

managing entity].

(25) [(24)] "Timeshare interest" means a timeshare

estate or timeshare use. (26) [(25)] "Timeshare instrument" means a master deed, master lease, declaration, or any other instrument used in

the creation of a timeshare <u>plan</u> [regime]. [(26) "Timeshare liability" means the liability for timeshare expenses allocated to each timeshare interest.] (27) "Timeshare period" means the period within which the purchaser of a timeshare interest is entitled to the exclusive 3-65 3-66 possession, occupancy, and use of <u>an accommodation</u> [a timeshare 3-67 unit and to the general use of all amenities]. (28) "Timeshare plan" means any arrangement, plan, 3-68 3-69

C.S.H.B. No. 1045 scheme, or similar method, excluding an exchange program but including a membership agreement, sale, lease, deed, license, or right-to-use agreement, by which a purchaser, in exchange for 4-1 4-2 4-3 consideration, receives an ownership right in or the right to use accommodations for a period of time less than a year during a given 4 - 44**-**5 4**-**6 year, but not necessarily consecutive years. (29) [(28)] "Timeshare property" means: (A) one or more [all real property that is 4-7 4-8 subject to a timeshare declaration, including all accommodations 4-9 4-10 and any related amenities subject to the same timeshare instrument; 4-11 and 4-12 (B) any other or property rights property appurtenant to the accommodations and amenities. 4-13 [(29) "Timeshare regime" means the real property use 4-14 that is created by the filing and recordation of a master deed, 4**-**15 4**-**16 master lease, or declaration.] (30) ["Timeshare unit" means any accommodation that is 4-17 4-18 divided into timeshare periods. 4-19 [(31)] "Timeshare use" means any arrangement [other 4-20 than a hotel or motel operation, whether by lease, rental agreement, license, use agreement or other means, under which the purchaser receives a right to <u>occupy</u> [use an accommodation or amenities or both for] a timeshare property [period on a recurring basis], but under which the purchaser does not receive an [a 4-21 4-22 4-23 4-24 4-25 <u>freehold</u>] estate <u>interest</u> [or an estate for years] in <u>the</u> [a] 4**-**26 timeshare property. [(32) "Timeshare fees" means an amount assessed 4-27 against or collected from an owner by a managing entity in a fiscal 4-28 year, without regard to the frequency with which the amount assessed or collected. 4-29 is 4-30 [(33) "Owner" means a person who holds a legal or equitable interest in a timeshare interest in timeshare property 4-31 4-32 subject to the requirements of this Act. 4-33 "Timeshare system" means two or more timeshare [(34) 4-34 properties located in separate geographic areas that are: 4-35 [(A) managed by the same managing entity; and [(B) subject to a written arrangement 4-36 4-37 Or agreement whereby an owner of a timeshare interest in any one of the 4-38 4-39 timeshare properties may use a timeshare unit and the amenities of 4-40 any of the other timeshare properties as provided in the project 4-41 instruments. 4-42 SECTION 2. Section 221.003, Property Code, is amended by 4-43 adding Subsections (d) and (e) to read as follows: (d) A timeshare property subject to this chapter is not subject to Chapter 209 unless an individual timeshare owner continuously occupies a single timeshare property as the owner's 4 - 444-45 4-46 primary residence 12 months of the year. 4 - 474-48 (e) If a person with a specific program that might otherwise be subject to this chapter received from the commission, before January 31, 2005, a written determination that the program is exempt from this chapter as the chapter existed when the determination was made, the program remains exempt from this abapter if. 4-49 4-50 4-51 4-52 4-53 chapter if: (1) the program does not vary materially from terms on which the exemption was granted; or (2) the program varies materially from the terms the program does not vary materially from the 4-54 4-55 4-56 on 4-57 which the exemption was granted, but the person receives from the 4-58 commission a new written determination that the program is exempt from this chapter. SECTION 3. Sections 221.011, 221.012, 221.013, and 221.014, 4-59 4-60 SECTION 3. Sections 221.011, 221.012, Property Code, are amended to read as follows: 4-61 4-62 Sec. 221.011. DECLARATION. (a) <u>The developer of</u> а timeshare plan any part of which is located in this state must record the timeshare instrument in this state. When a person [who 4-63 4-64 is a developer, the sole owner, or the co-owner of a building or proposed building or buildings] expressly declares an intent to 4-65 4-66 4-67 subject the property to a timeshare plan through the recordation of a timeshare instrument [master deed, master lease, or declaration] 4-68 4-69 that sets forth the information provided in Subsections (b) and

(c), [and that sets forth the intent to submit that property to a timeshare regime,] that property shall be established thenceforth as a timeshare plan [regime].

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5**-**64 5**-**65 (b) The declaration made <u>in a timeshare instrument recorded</u> under this section must include:

(1) a legal description of the timeshare property, including a ground plan indicating the location of each existing or proposed building <u>included in</u> [to be constructed on] the timeshare <u>plan</u> [property];

5-10 (2) a description of each existing or proposed 5-11 <u>accommodation</u> [timeshare unit], including the location and square 5-12 footage of each unit and an interior floor plan of each existing or 5-13 proposed building; 5-14 (3) a description of any [the] amenities furnished or

(3) a description of <u>any</u> [the] amenities furnished or to be furnished to the purchaser;
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(4) a statement of the fractional or percentage part that each timeshare interest bears to the entire timeshare <u>plan</u> [regime];

(5) if applicable, a statement that the timeshare property is part of a <u>multisite</u> timeshare <u>plan</u> [system]; and
 (6) any additional provisions that are consistent with

(6) any additional provisions that are consistent with this section.

(c) Any timeshare interest created under this section is <u>subject to</u> [an interest in real property within the meaning of] Section 1101.002(5), Occupations Code, but Sections 1101.351(a)(1) and (c), Occupations Code, do not apply to the acts of an exchange company in exchanging timeshare periods [under a timeshare program].

[(d) Any timeshare interest located wholly without this state may be sold or otherwise disposed of within this state if the timeshare property is in full compliance with the legal requirements of and may be validly sold or otherwise disposed of as a timeshare property in the jurisdiction in which the timeshare property is located and if all information required in this section is included in the disclosure statement.]

Sec. 221.012. CONVEYANCE AND ENCUMBRANCE. Once the property is established as a timeshare <u>plan</u> [regime], each timeshare interest may be individually conveyed or encumbered and shall be entirely independent of all other timeshare interests in the same timeshare property. Any title or interest in a timeshare interest may be recorded.

Sec. 221.013. COMMON OWNERSHIP. <u>(a)</u> Any timeshare interest may be jointly or commonly owned by more than one person. <u>(b)</u> A timeshare estate may be jointly or commonly owned in

the same manner as any other real property interest in this state. Sec. 221.014. PARTITION. An action for partition of a

timeshare interest may not be maintained <u>during the term of a</u> <u>timeshare plan</u> [unless expressly permitted by the declaration]. SECTION 4. Subchapter C, Chapter 221, Property Code, is

SECTION 4. Subchapter C, Chapter 221, Property Code, is amended by amending Sections 221.021, 221.022, 221.023, 221.024, and 221.025 and adding Section 221.026 to read as follows: Sec. 221.021. REGISTRATION REQUIRED. (a) Except as

provided by Subsection (b) or (d) of this section or another provision of this chapter, a [A] person may not offer or dispose of a timeshare interest unless the timeshare <u>plan</u> [property] is registered with the commission.

(b) <u>Before a registration application for a timeshare plan</u> <u>is submitted or completed, a [A]</u> developer or any person acting on <u>the developer's [his]</u> behalf may accept a reservation and a deposit from <u>a [the]</u> prospective purchaser if the deposit is placed in <u>a</u> <u>segregated [an]</u> escrow account with an <u>independent</u> escrow agent and if the deposit is fully refundable at any time at the request of the purchaser. The deposit may not be forfeited unless the purchaser affirmatively creates a binding obligation by a subsequent written instrument.

5-66 (c) A developer or <u>any person</u> [anyone] acting on <u>the</u> 5-67 <u>developer's</u> [his] behalf may not <u>offer or</u> dispose of [or encumber] a 5-68 timeshare interest during any period within which there is in 5-69 effect an order by the commission or by any court of competent

C.S.H.B. No. 1045 jurisdiction revoking or suspending the registration of the timeshare <u>plan</u> [property] of which such timeshare interest is a 6-1 6-2 6-3 part. (d) At the developer's request, the commission may authorize the developer to conduct presales before a timeshare plan 6-4 6-5 6-6 is registered if the registration application is administratively complete, as determined by the commission or as established by commission rule. The authorization for presales permits the 6-7 6-8 6-9 developer to offer and dispose of timeshare interests during the 6-10 period the application is in process. To obtain a presales 6-11 authorization, the developer must: (1) submit a written request to the commission for an 6-12 6-13 authorization to conduct presales; 6-14 (2) submit an administratively complete application for registration, including appropriate fees and exhibits required by the commission; and 6**-**15 6**-**16 6-17 (3) provide evidence acceptable to the commission that 6-18 all funds received by the developer will be placed with an escrow agent with instructions requiring the funds to be retained until a 6-19 6-20 registration application is complete as determined by the 6-21 commission. 6-22 (e) During the presales authorization period, the developer 6-23 must: 6-24 (1) provide to each purchaser and prospective purchaser a copy of the proposed timeshare disclosure statement that the developer submitted to the commission with the initial 6-25 6-26 6-27 registration application; and 6-28 (2) offer each purchaser the opportunity to cancel the <u>purchase contract as provided by Section 221.041.</u> <u>(f) After the final timeshare disclosure statement is</u> <u>approved by the commission, the developer must:</u> <u>(1) give each purchaser and prospective purchaser a</u> 6-29 6-30 6-31 6-32 6-33 copy of the final timeshare disclosure statement; and (2) if the commission determines that a materially adverse change exists between the disclosures contained in the proposed timeshare disclosure statement and the final timeshare 6-34 6-35 6-36 disclosure statement, provide the purchaser a second opportunity to 6-37 cancel the purchase contract as provided by Section 221.041. 6-38 (g) The requirements of this subchapter remain in effect during the period the developer offers or disposes of timeshare interests of the timeshare plan registered with the commission. 6-39 6-40 6-41 The developer must notify the commission in writing when all of the 6-42 timeshare interests of a timeshare plan have been disposed of. Sec. 221.022. APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION. (a) 6-43 6-44 An 6-45 application for registration filed under this section must include a timeshare disclosure statement and any required exchange disclosure statement required by Section 221.033, recorded 6-46 6-47 6-48 [201.033, certified] copies of all timeshare instruments, and other information as may be required by the commission. <u>If the timeshare</u> property is a newly developed property, recorded copies of the timeshare instruments must be provided promptly after recorded 6-49 6-50 6-51 copies are available from the entity with which the instruments are 6-52 6-53 recorded. If existing or proposed accommodations are in a condominium, an applicant who complies with this section is not required to prepare or deliver a condominium information statement or a resale certificate as described by Chapter 82. 6-54 6-55 6-56 6-57 (b) If existing or proposed <u>accommodations</u> [timeshare units] are in a condominium or similar development, the application 6-58 for registration must contain the project instruments of that development and affirmatively indicate that the creation and disposition of timeshare interests are not prohibited by those 6-59 6-60 6-61 6-62 instruments. If the project instruments do not expressly authorize 6-63 the creation and disposition of timeshare interests, the application must contain evidence that existing owners of the 6-64 6-65 condominium development were provided written notice, at least 60 6-66 days before the application for registration, that timeshare interests would be created and sold. If the project instruments 6-67 prohibit the creation or disposition of timeshare interests, the 6-68 6-69 application must contain a certification by the authorized

C.S.H.B. No. 1045 7-1 representative of all existing owners that the project instruments 7-2 have been properly amended to permit that creation and disposition. 7-3 (c) The commission may accept an abbreviated registration application from a developer of a timeshare plan if all accommodations in the plan are located outside this state. The 7 - 47-5 The 7-6 developer must file written notice of the intent to register under 7-7 this section not later than the 15th day before the date the abbreviated application is submitted. 7-8 7-9 (d) A developer of a timeshare plan with any accommodation 7-10 located in this state may not file an abbreviated application 7-11 unless: 7-12 the developer is a: (1) 7-13 interest after a merger or (A) successor in 7-14 acquisition; or 7-15 (B) joint venture in which the previous developer 7-16 or its affiliate is a partner or a member; and 7-17 (2) the previous developer registered the timeshare plan in 7-18 this state preceding the merger, acquisition, or joint 7-19 venture. 7-20 (e) A developer filing an abbreviated application must 7-21 provide: 7-22 the legal name and any assumed names and the (1)principal office location, mailing address, telephone number, and 7-23 7-24 primary contact person of the developer; (2) the name, location, mailing address, telephone number, and primary contact person of the timeshare plan; 7-25 7-26 7-27 (3) the name and address of the developer's authorized or registered agent for service of process in this state; 7-28 7-29 (4) the name, primary office location, mailing 7-30 addre<u>ss</u>, telephone number of the managing entity and of the 7-31 timeshare plan; 7-32 (5) the certificate or other evidence of registration 7-33 from any jurisdiction in which the timeshare plan is approved or 7-34 accepted; (6) the certificate or other evidence of registration from the appropriate regulatory agency of any other jurisdiction in 7-35 7-36 7-37 the United States in which some or all of the accommodations are 7-38 located; (7) 7-39 a declaration stating whether the timeshare plan is a single-site timeshare plan or a multisite timeshare plan; (8) if the plan is a multisite timeshare plan 7-40 7-41 а declaration stating whether the plan consists of specific timeshare 7-42 interests or nonspecific timeshare interests; 7-43 7-44 (9) a disclosure of each jurisdiction in which the developer has applied for registration of the timeshare plan and whether the timeshare plan, the developer, or the managing entity 7-45 7-46 used were denied registration or, during the five-year period 7-47 7-48 before the registration application date, were the subject of a 7-49 final adverse disposition in a disciplinary proceeding; 7-50 (10) if requested by the commission, copies of any disclosure documents required to be provided to purchasers or filed 7-51 7-52 with any jurisdiction that approved or accepted the timeshare plan; 7-53 (11) the appropriate filing fee; and (12) any other information reasonably requested by the 7-54 commission or required by commission rule. 7-55 7-56 foreign jurisdiction providing (f) A of evidence registration as provided by Subsection (e)(6) must have 7-57 registration and disclosure requirements that are substantially 7-58 <u>similar to or stricter than the requirements of this chapter.</u> (g) The commission shall investigate all matters relating to the application and may in its discretion require a personal 7-59 7-60 7-61 7-62 inspection of the proposed timeshare property by any persons designated by it. All direct expenses incurred by the commission in 7-63 inspecting the property shall be borne by the applicant. The commission may require the applicant to pay an advance deposit 7-64 7-65 7-66 sufficient to cover those expenses. 7-67 Sec. 221.023. AMENDMENT OF REGISTRATION. The developer shall [or managing entity shall promptly] file amendments to the 7-68 registration reporting to the commission any materially [material 7-69

and] adverse change in any document contained in the registration 8-1 8-2 not later than the 30th day after the date the developer knows or reasonably should know of the change. The developer may continue to 8-3 offer and dispose of timeshare interests under the existing registration pending review of the amendments by the commission if 8-4 8-5 8-6 the materially adverse change is disclosed to prospective 8-7

purchasers. Sec. 221.024. POWERS OF COMMISSION. (a) The commission may 8-8 8-9 prescribe and publish forms and adopt rules necessary to carry out the provisions of this chapter and may suspend or revoke the registration of any <u>developer</u>, place on probation the registration 8-10 8-11 of a developer that has been suspended or revoked, reprimand a 8-12 developer, impose an administrative penalty of not more than 8-13 \$10,000, or take any other disciplinary action authorized by this chapter [seller] if, after notice and hearing, the commission determines that a <u>developer</u> [seller] has materially violated this 8-14 8-15 8-16 chapter, the Deceptive Trade Practices-Consumer Protection Act (Subchapter E, Chapter 17, Business & Commerce Code), or the Contest and Gift Giveaway Act (Chapter 40, Business & Commerce 8-17 8-18 8-19 Code). [The commission may bring suit in a district court of Travis County, Texas, to enjoin a violation of this Act or for any other 8-20 8-21 8-22 as the court may deem appropriate.] relief 8-23

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(1) authorize specific employees to conduct hearings and issue final decisions in contested cases; and

(2) [shall] establish reasonable fees for forms and it provides to the public and for the filing or 8-26 8-27 documents 8-28 registration of documents required by this chapter. 8-29

If the commission initiates a disciplinary proceeding (c) under this chapter, the person is entitled to a hearing before the commission or a hearing officer appointed by the commission. The commission by rule shall adopt procedures to permit an appeal to the commission from a determination made by a hearing officer in a disciplinary action. (d) The commission shall set the time and place of the

hearing.

(e) A disciplinary procedure under this chapter is governed by the contested case procedures of Chapter 2001, Government Code.

(f) The commission may file a suit in a district court of Travis County to prevent a violation of this chapter or for other appropriate relief. any

Judicial review of a commission order imposing (q) an administrative penalty is:

(1) instituted by filing a petition as provided by Subchapter G, Chapter 2001, Government Code; and (2) by trial de novo. Sec. 221.025. EFFECT OF REGISTRATION ON OTHER LAWS:

EXEMPTION [SALE EXEMPT] FROM CERTAIN LAWS [SECURITIES ACT]. (a) A developer's compliance with [The filing of a registration under] this chapter exempts the developer's offer and disposition of [sale of] timeshare interests subject to this chapter from securities and dealer registration under The Securities Act (Article 581-1 et seq., Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes).

(b) A timeshare plan created as a condominium regime before January 1, 1994, that complies with this chapter is exempt from the requirements of Section 81.112 relating to club membership.

(c) A timeshare plan subject to Chapter 82 that complies this chapter is exempt from the requirements of Section with 82.0675 relating to club membership.

(d) A developer's compliance with this chapter as to any timeshare plan exempts any company, as defined by Chapter 181, 8-60 8-61 Finance Code (Texas Trust Company Act), that holds title to the 8-62 8-63 timeshare interests in the timeshare plan from compliance with the Texas Trust Company Act as to the company's activities relating to 8-64 the holding of that title. Sec. 221.026. ISSUANCE AND RENEWAL OF REGISTRATION. 8-65

8-66 (a) commission by rule shall adopt requirements for the issuance 8-67 The and renewal of a developer's registration under this chapter, 8-68 8-69 including:

the form required for application for registration 9-1 (1)9-2 or a renewal of registration; and supporting 9-3 (2) documentation required any for registration or renewal of registration. 9-4 The commission shall issue or renew a registration under 9-5 (b) 9-6 this chapter for a period not to exceed 24 months. 9-7 (c) The commission may assess and collect a fee for the issuance or renewal of a registration under this chapter. 9-8 9-9 The commission may assess and collect a late fee if the (d) commission has not received the fee or any supporting documentation 9-10 9-11 required before the 61st day after the date a registration is issued or renewed under this section. 9-12 9-13 (e) Failure to pay a renewal fee or late fee is a violation of this chapter. 9-14 9-15 Sections 221.031 and 221.032, Property Code, are SECTION 5. 9-16 amended to read as follows: 9-17 Sec. 221.031. ADVERTISEMENTS AND PROMOTIONS [PROMOTIONAL DISCLOSURE STATEMENT]. (a) At any time, the commission may request 9-18 9-19 a developer to file for review by the commission any advertisement used in this state by the developer in connection with offering a timeshare interest. The developer shall provide the advertisement not later than the 15th day after the date the commission makes the 9-20 9-21 9-22 request. If the commission determines that the advertisement 9-23 9-24 violates this chapter or Chapter 40, Business & Commerce Code, the commission shall notify the developer in writing, stating the specific grounds for the commission's determination not later than 9-25 9-26 9-27 the 15th day after the date the commission makes its determination. 9-28 The commission may grant the developer provisional approval for the 9-29 advertisement if the developer agrees to correct the deficiencies identified by the commission. A developer, on its own initiative, may submit any proposed advertisement to the commission for review 9-30 9-31 and approval by the commission. 9-32 that contains 9-33 (b) Any advertisement а promotion in 9-34 connection with the offering of a timeshare interest must comply with Chapter 40, Business & Commerce Code. (c) As provided by Subsections (d) and (e), an advertisement that contains a [Before the use of any] promotion in connection with 9-35 9-36 9 - 37the offering of a timeshare interest must include, in addition to 9-38 any disclosures required under Chapter 40, Business & Commerce Code, [the person who intends to use the promotion shall include] the following [information in its advertisements to the prospective 9-39 9-40 9-41 9-42 purchaser]: 9-43 (1)a statement to the effect that the promotion is intended to solicit purchasers of timeshare interests; (2) if applicable, a statement to the effect that any 9-44 9-45 9-46 person whose name is obtained during the promotion may be solicited 9-47 to purchase a timeshare interest; 9-48 (3) the full name of the developer [and seller] of the timeshare property; and (4) if applicable, the full name and address of any marketing company involved in the promotion of the timeshare 9-49 9-50 9-51 property, excluding the developer or an affiliate or subsidiary of 9-52 9-53 the developer. (d) An advertisement containing the disclosures required by Chapter 40, Business & Commerce Code, and Subsection (c) must be provided in writing or electronically: 9-54 9-55 9-56 9-57 (1) at least once before a scheduled sales 9-58 presentation; and (2) in a reasonable period before the scheduled sales 9-59 presentation to ensure that the recipient receives the disclosures before leaving to attend the sales presentation. 9-60 9-61 (e) The developer is not required to provide the disclosures 9-62 9-63 required by this section in every advertisement or other written, 9-64 oral, or electronic communication provided or made to a recipient 9-65 before a scheduled sales presentation[+ 9-66 [(5) the complete rules of the promotion; and 9-67 [(6) the method of awarding, the odds of winning, а retail value of prizes, gifts, the other benef 9-68 statement or under the promotion as set forth in Subsection (b) of this section, 9-69

C.S.H.B. No. 1045 the geographic region in which the promotion is being conducted, the beginning and ending dates of the promotion, and the date by 10-1 10-2 which each prize, gift, or benefit will be awarded or conferred]. 10-3 10 - 4[(b) For the purposes of this section, the retail value of 10-5 the item is the price at which a substantial number of sales of the exact item, having the same manufacturer, brand, model number, and type, have been made to members of the general public by at least 10-6 10-7 two principal retail outlets in the State of Texas during the six 10-8 months immediately preceding the offering of the prize or gift described in the promotion. However, if a substantial number of 10 - 910-10 10-11 sales of a particular prize have not been made in the State of Texas 10-12 in the six months immediately preceding the offering of the prize or gift in a promotion or if the developer elects, then the reta 10-13 value of the prize or gift is the actual unit cost of the prize 10-14 or the gift, net of any discounts or rebates to the developer, plus 200 10-15 10-16 percent. [Provided, however, in the event a prize or gift involves lodging, airfare, trips, or recreational activity, the retail value shall be the retail sales price of the lodging, airfare, trips, or 10-17 10-18 10-19 recreational activity to a member of the general public not 10-20 10-21 involved in a promotional or other discount transaction.] 10-22 Sec. 221.032. TIMESHARE DISCLOSURE STATEMENT. (a) Before the signing of any agreement [or contract] to acquire a timeshare interest, the developer shall provide a timeshare disclosure statement to the prospective purchaser and shall obtain from the purchaser a written acknowledgement of receipt of the timeshare 10-23 10-24 10-25 10-26 10-27 disclosure statement. 10-28 (b) The timeshare disclosure statement for a single-site timeshare plan or a multisite timeshare plan that includes a specific timeshare interest must include: (1) the type of timeshare plan offered and the name and 10-29 10-30 10-31 address of: 10-32 (A) the developer; and (B) the single site or specific site offered for 10-33 10-34 10-35 the multisite timeshare plan [and the name and specific location of 10-36 the timeshare property]; (2) a description of the <u>duration and operation of the</u> 10-37 timeshare plan; 10-38 (3) a description of the existing or proposed accommodations, including the type and number of timeshare interests in the accommodations expressed in periods of seven-day 10-39 10-40 10-41 use availability or other time increment applicable to the 10-42 timeshare plan. The description of each type of accommodation 10-43 included in the timeshare plan shall be categorized by the number of bedrooms, the number of bathrooms, and sleeping capacity, and shall include a statement indicating whether the accommodation contains a 10-44 10-45 10-46 10-47 full kitchen, which means a kitchen that has a minimum of a dishwasher, range, sink, oven, and refrigerator. If the accommodations are proposed or incomplete, a schedule for commencement, completion, and availability of the accommodations shall be provided [amenities, timeshare property, and any project 10-48 10-49 10-50 10-51 or development within which the timeshare property is located or of which it is a part; the total number of timeshare units in the timeshare property and whether and under what circumstances that number may be increased or decreased; and, if a timeshare interest 10-52 10-53 10-54 10-55 10-56

10-56 includes amenities not yet in existence, the commencement and 10-57 completion schedule of the proposed amenities];

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<u>(4)</u> [(3)] a description of <u>any existing or proposed</u> amenities of the timeshare plan and, if the amenities are proposed or incomplete, a schedule for commencement, completion, and availability of the amenities [the timeshare interests currently available for disposition and, if applicable, the types and number of units available];

10-64 (5) the extent to which financial arrangements have 10-65 been provided for the completion of all promised accommodations and 10-66 amenities that are committed to be built;

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the sum of the nights that purchasers are entitled to use the accommodations does not exceed the number of nights the 11-1 11-2 accommodations are available for use by the purchasers; 11-3

(8) a description of the method by which purchasers' 11 - 411-5 use of the accommodations is scheduled;

(9) [(4)] a statement that an association [a council of purchasers] exists or is expected to be created or that such an association [a council] does not exist and is not expected to be created and, if such an association [a council] exists or is reasonably contemplated, a description of its powers and responsibilities;

(10) relating to the single-site timeshare plan or the specific timeshare interest of a multisite timeshare plan, copies of the following documents, if applicable, including any amendments to the documents, unless separately provided to the purchaser simultaneously with the timeshare disclosure statement:

the declaration; (A)

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(C) the association bylaws;

(D) the association rules; and (E) any lease or contract, excluding the purchase contract and other loan documents required to be signed by the purchaser at closing;

(11) [(5)] the name and principal address of the managing entity and a description of the procedures, if any, for altering the powers and responsibilities of the managing entity and 11-24 11**-**25 11**-**26 11-27 for removing or replacing it;

(12) the current annual [(6) a complete] budget, if available, or the projected annual budget for the timeshare plan or timeshare properties managed by the same managing entity if assessments are deposited in a common account. The budget [for the if operation of the timeshare property for a period of one year after the first disposition of a timeshare interest in the property, and thereafter, the current operating budget, which operating budget] must include:

(A) <u>a statement of the amount reserved or</u> <u>budgeted for repairs, replacements, and refurbishment [the total</u> amount included as a reserve for the maintenance of the timeshare property and for the repair or replacement of personal property or fixtures];

(B) the projected common expense liability, 11 - 41if any, by category of expenditure for the timeshare plan or timeshare 11-42 properties managed by the same managing entity [total amount of any 11-43 11-44 other reserve and the purpose of the reserve];

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(D) $\left[\frac{F}{F}\right]$ the assumptions on which the operating budget is based;

the projected assessments and $\left[\frac{(7)}{2}\right]$ a description (13) of the [nature and estimated amount of any timeshare liability that may in the future be assessed and the] method for calculating and apportioning those assessments among purchasers [and formula for assessing the timeshare liability];

(14) any initial fee or special fee due from the purchaser at closing, together with a description of the purpose and method of calculating the fee; (15) [(8)] a description of any <u>lien</u>, <u>defect</u>, or

11-61 encumbrance on or affecting title to the timeshare interest and, if 11-62 applicable, a copy of each written warranty provided by the 11-63 developer [service that the developer or person acting on his 11-64 behalf provides or expense that is paid that reasonably may be expected to become a timeshare liability, and the projected 11-65 11-66 liability attributable to that service or expense]; 11-67 timeshare

(16) [(9)] a description of any bankruptcy that is pending or that has occurred within the past five years, pending 11-68 11-69

civil or criminal suit, adjudication, or disciplinary actions material to the timeshare plan of which the developer has knowledge [the existing or proposed amenities of the timeshare property and, fully jf the amenities are proposed or not yet complete or functional, a schedule for the projected commencement, completion, and availability of those amenities];

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(17) a description of any financing offered by or available through the developer; (18) any current or anticipated [(10) a description

and amount of any current or expected dues, assessments, fees[$_7$] or charges to be paid by timeshare purchasers for the use of any accommodations or amenities related to the timeshare plan, and a statement that the fees or charges are subject to change [or for any other purpose]; (19)

(19) [(11) a description of any unsatisfied final judgment against the developer, seller, managing entity, or exchange company with which the developer is under contract, but not including any individual sales agent or representative who offers a timeshare interest;

[(12) a description and status of any pending lawsuit or administrative action of which the developer has actual knowledge that may materially affect a timeshare interest;

[(13)] a description and amount of insurance coverage provided for the protection of the purchaser;

(20) [(14)] the extent to which a timeshare interest may become subject to a tax lien or other lien arising out of claims against purchasers of different timeshare interests;

(21) [(15)] a description of those matters required by

Section $\frac{221.041}{(22)}$ [$\frac{201.041}{(16)}$]; refusal or other restraint on the transfer of all or any portion of a timeshare interest;

(23) [(17)] a statement disclosing that any deposit made in connection with the purchase of a timeshare interest <u>must</u> [will] be held <u>by</u> [in] an escrow <u>agent</u> [account] until expiration of any right to cancel the contract <u>and that any deposit must be</u> [or any later time specified in the contract and will be] returned to the purchaser if <u>the purchaser</u> [he] elects to exercise <u>the</u> [his] right of cancellation; <u>or</u>, if the commission accepts from the developer a surety bond, irrevocable letter of credit, or other form of financial assurance instead of an escrow deposit, a statement disclosing that the developer has provided a surety bond, irrevocable letter of credit, or other form of financial assurance in an amount equal to or in excess of the funds that would otherwise be held by an escrow agent and that the deposit must be returned if the purchaser elects to exercise the right of cancellation;

(24) [(18)] if applicable, a statement that the assessments [timeshare property is part of a timeshare system and that timeshare fees] collected from the <u>purchasers</u> [owners] may be placed in a common account with the <u>assessments</u> [timeshare fees] collected from the <u>purchasers</u> [owners] of other timeshare properties managed by the same managing entity [participating in the timeshare system];

(25) if the timeshare plan provides purchasers with the opportunity to participate in an exchange program, a description of the name and address of the exchange company and the method by which a purchaser accesses the exchange program; and

(26) [(19)] any other information the commission determines is necessary to protect prospective purchasers or to implement the purpose of this chapter [material circumstances concerning a timeshare interest].

A developer who offers a specific timeshare interest in (c) a multisite timeshare plan also must fully disclose the following information in written, graphic, or tabular form:

(1) a description of each component site, including 12-65 12-66 the name and address of each component site;

12-67 (2) a description of each type of accommodation in each component site, categorized by the number of bedrooms, the number of bathrooms, and sleeping capacity, and a statement 12-68 12-69

C.S.H.B. No. 1045 indicating whether the accommodation contains a full kitchen, which 13-1 means a kitchen that has a minimum of <u>a dishwasher, range, sink,</u> 13-2 oven, and refrigerator; 13-3 13 - 4(3) a description of the amenities at each component 13-5 site available for use by the purchasers; 13-6 (4)a description of the reservation system, which 13-7 must include: 13-8 the entity responsible for (A) operating the reservati<u>on system,</u> 13-9 reservation system, its relationship to the developer, and the duration of any agreement for operation of the reservation system; 13-10 a summary or the rules governing access to 13-11 (B) 13-12 and use of the reservation system; and 13-13 (C) the existence of and explanation regarding any priority reservation features that affect a purchaser's ability 13-14 13-15 the use of a given accommodation on a to make reservations for 13-16 first-come, f<u>irst-serve</u>d basis; 13-17 (5) the name and principal address of the managing 13-18 the multisite timeshare plan and a description of the entity for procedures, if any, for altering the powers and responsibilities of 13-19 the managing entity and for removing or replacing it; 13-20 a description of any right to make additions to, 13-21 (6) 13-22 substitutions in, or deletions from accommodations, amenities, or sites, and a description of the basis on which 13-23 component accommodations, amenities, or component sites may be add substituted in, or deleted from the multisite timeshare plan; 13-24 added to, 13-25 13-26 (7) a description of the purchaser's liability for any fees associated with the multisite timeshare plan; 13-27 13-28 (8) the location of each component site of the plan, the historical occupancy of each e prior 12-month period, if the component site 13-29 timeshare multisite component site for the prior 12-month period, if the component site was part of the multisite timeshare plan during such 12-month time 13-30 13-31 period, as well as any periodic adjustment or amendment to the 13-32 13-33 reservation system that may be needed in order to respond to actual purchaser use patterns and changes in purchaser use demand for the 13-34 13-35 accommodations existing at the time within the multisite timeshare 13-36 plan; and 13-37 (9) any other information the commission determines is 13-38 to protect prospective purchasers or to implement the necessarv 13-39 this chapter. purpose of 13-40 (d) A developer who offers a nonspecific timeshare interest 13-41 timeshare plan must disclose the following multisite in а information in written, graphic, or tabular form: 13-42 the name and address of the developer; 13 - 43(1)(2) a description of the type of interest and the usage rights the purchaser will receive; (3) a description of the duration and operation of the 13-44 13-45 13-46 timeshare plan; 13-47 a description of the type of insurance coverage 13 - 48(4) provided for each component site; 13-49 who holds 13-50 (5) explanation of title the an to 13-51 accommodations of each component site; 13-52 (6)a description of each component site, including the name and address of each component site; 13-53 13-54 (7) a description of the existing or <u>pro</u>posed accommodations, expressed in periods of seven-day use availability or any other time increment applicable to the timeshare plan. The 13-55 13-56 13-57 description of each type of accommodation included in the timeshare 13 - 58plan shall be categorized by the number of bedrooms, the number of 13-59 bathrooms, and sleeping capacity, and shall include a statement indicating whether the accommodation contains a full kitchen, which 13-60 means a kitchen that has a minimum of a dishwasher, range, sink, 13-61 and refrigerator. If the accommodations are proposed 13-62 oven, or 13-63 for completion, schedule and incomplete, а commencement, availability of the accommodations shall be provided; 13-64 13-65 (8) statement that an association exists а or is expected to be created or that such an association does not exist 13-66 13-67 and is not expected to be created and, if such an association exists or is reasonably contemplated, a description of its powers and 13-68

13-69 responsibilities;

C.S.H.B. No. 1045 if applicable, copies of the following documents the multisite timeshare plan, including any (9) 14 - 1applicable 14-2 to 14-3 amendments to the documents, unless separately provided to the 14 - 4purchaser simultaneously with the timeshare disclosure statement: the declaration; 14-5 (A) 14-6 (B) the association articles of incorporation; 14-7 (C) the association bylaws; 14-8 (D) the association rules; and any lease or contract, excluding the purchase 14 - 9(E) contract and other loan documents required to be signed by the 14-10 purchaser at closing; 14-11 14-12 (10) a description of the method and timing for performing maintenance of the accommodations; 14-13 14-14 (11) a statement indicating that, on an annual basis, of the nights that purchasers are entitled to use the 14-15 the sum 14-16 does not exceed the number of nights accommodations the accommodations are available for use by the purchasers; 14-17 14-18 (12) a description of each type of accommodation 14-19 in the timeshare plan, categorized by the number of included bedrooms, the number of bathrooms, and sleeping capacity, and a statement indicating whether the accommodation contains a full bedrooms, 14-20 14-21 14-22 kitchen, which means a kitchen that has a minimum of a dishwasher, range, sink, oven, and refrigerator; 14-23 14-24 (13) a description of amenities available for use by the purchaser at each component site; (14) the location of each component site 14-25 14-26 of the timeshare plan, the historical occupancy of each 14-27 multisite 14-28 component site for the prior 12-month period, if the component site was part of the multisite timeshare plan during such 12-month time 14-29 period, as well as any periodic adjustment or amendment to the reservation system that may be needed in order to respond to actual 14-30 14-31 purchaser use patterns and changes in purchaser use demand for the 14-32 14-33 accommodations existing at the time within the multisite timeshare 14-34 plan; (15) a description of the right to make any additions, substitutions, or deletions of accommodations, amenities, or 14-35 14-36 component sites, and a description of the basis upon which 14-37 accommodations, amenities, or component sites may be added to, substituted in, or deleted from the multisite timeshare plan; (16) a description of the reservation system that 14-38 14-39 14-40 shall include all of the following: 14 - 4114-42 (A) the entity responsible for operating the reservation system, its relationship to the developer, and the 14-43 14-44 duration of any agreement for operation of the reservation system; (B) a summary of the rules governing access and use of the reservation system; and 14-45 to 14-46 the existence of and an explanation regarding 14-47 (C) 14-48 any priority reservation features that affect a purchaser's ability to make reservations for the use of a given accommodation on a 14-49 <u>first-come, first-served basis;</u> (17) the name and principal address of the managing 14-50 14-51 14-52 entity for the multisite timeshare plan and a description of the 14-53 procedures, if any, for altering the powers and responsibilities of the managing entity and for removing or replacing it, and a 14-54 description of the relationship between the multisite timeshare plan managing entity and the managing entity of the component sites 14-55 14-56 14-57 of the multisite timeshare plan, if different from the multisite timeshare plan managing entity; 14 - 58(18) the current annual budget of the multisite timeshare plan, if available, or the projected annual budget for the multisite timeshare plan, which must include: 14-59 14-60 14-61 14-62 (A) a statement of the amount reserved or budgeted for repairs, replacements, and refurbishment; (B) the projected common expense liability, if 14-63 14-64 14-65 any, by category of expenditure for the multisite timeshare plan; 14-66 (C) the name and address of the person who 14-67 prepared the operating budget; and 14-68 (D) the assumptions on which the operating budget 14-69

is based;

the projected assessments and a description of 15-1 (19)the method for calculating and apportioning those assessments among 15-2 purchasers of the multisite timeshare plan; 15-3 15 - 4

(20) if applicable, a statement that the assessments 15-5 collected from the purchasers may be placed in a common account with 15-6 the assessments collected from the purchasers of other timeshare 15-7 properties managed by the same managing entity; 15-8

(21) any current fees or charges by to be paid timeshare purchasers for the use of any amenities related to the timeshare plan and a statement that the fees or charges are subject to change;

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(22)any initial or special fee due from the purchaser at closing, together with a description of the purpose of and method of calculating the fee;

(23) a description of the purchaser's liability for any fees associated with the multisite timeshare plan;

(24) a description of any lien, defect, or encumbrance on or affecting title to the timeshare interest and, if applicable,

a copy of each written warranty provided by the developer; (25) the extent to which a timeshare interest may become subject to a tax lien or other lien arising out of claims against purchasers of different timeshare interests;

(26) a description of those matters required by Section 221.041;

а description of any financing offered by or (27)available through the developer;

(28) a description of any bankruptcy that is pending or that has occurred within the past five years, pending civil or criminal suits, adjudications, or disciplinary actions material to the timeshare plan of which the developer has knowledge; (29) a statement disclosing any right of first refusal

restraint on the transfer of all or a portion of a or other timeshare interest;

(30) a statement disclosing that any deposit made in connection with the purchase of a timeshare interest must be held by an escrow agent until expiration of any right to cancel the contract and that any deposit must be returned to the purchaser if the purchaser elects to exercise the right of cancellation; or, if the commission accepts from the developer a surety bond, irrevocable letter of credit, or other form of financial assurance instead of an escrow deposit, a statement disclosing that the developer has provided a surety bond, irrevocable letter of credit, or other form of financial assurance in an amount equal to or in excess of the funds that would otherwise be held by an escrow agent and that the deposit must be returned if the purchaser elects to exercise the right of cancellation;

(31) if the timeshare plan provides purchasers with opportunity to participate in an exchange program, a the description of the name and address of the exchange company and the

is necessary to protect prospective purchasers or to implement the purpose of this chapter.

(e) A developer may include any other information in a timeshare disclosure statement required by this section on approval by the commission.

(f) If a timeshare plan is located wholly outside this 15-58 state, the commission may permit the developer to submit a timeshare disclosure statement the developer is currently 15-59 purchasers disclosure 15-60 providing or an equivalent timeshare statement filed for the timeshare plan in another state if the 15-61 15-62 current statement or the equivalent statement substantially complies with the requirements of this subchapter. This subsection 15-63 15-64 does not exempt the developer from other requirements of this 15-65 chapter.

SECTION 6. Section 221.033(a), Property Code, is amended to 15-66 15-67 read as follows:

15-68 (a) Before the signing of any agreement to purchase [or contract to acquire] a timeshare interest in which a prospective 15-69

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purchaser is also offered participation in any exchange program, 16-1 the developer shall also deliver to the prospective purchaser the 16-2 16-3 exchange disclosure statement of any exchange company whose service 16-4 is advertised or offered by the developer or other person in 16-5 connection with the disposition.

16-6 SECTION 7. Section 221.034, Property Code, is amended to 16-7 read as follows: 16-8

DISPOSITIONS; Sec. 221.034. EXEMPT OFFERINGS AND COMMUNICATIONS [WHEN DISCLOSURE NOT REQUIRED]. (a) An offering or disposition is exempt from this chapter if it is [A disclosure statement need not be delivered in the case of]: disposition

16-12 (1) a gratuitous offering 16-13 timeshare interest;

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(2) a disposition pursuant to a court order;

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16**-**15 16**-**16 a disposition by a governmental agency; a disposition by foreclosure or deed in lieu of (4)16-17 foreclosure;

(5) an offering or [a] disposition by an association of its own timeshare interest acquired through foreclosure, deed in lieu of foreclosure, or gratuitous transfer [that may be canceled by the purchaser without penalty at any time and for any reason];

an offering or [a] disposition of all timeshare (6) in a timeshare plan [regime] to not more than five interests persons;

16-24 (7) an offering or $[\frac{1}{4}]$ disposition of a timeshare interest in a timeshare property situated wholly outside this state under a contract executed wholly outside this state, if there has 16-25 16-26 16-27 16-28 been no offering to the purchaser within this state; 16-29

(8) <u>an offering or</u> [a] disposition of a timeshare interest to a purchaser who is not a resident of this state under a contract executed wholly outside this state, if there has been no offering to the purchaser within this state; [or]

(9) the <u>offering or</u> redisposition of a timeshare interest by a purchaser who acquired the interest for <u>the</u> purchaser's [his] personal use; or (10) the offering or

disposition of a rental of an accommodation for a period of three years or less.

(b) If a developer has a timeshare plan registered under this chapter and is subject to Section 221.024, the developer may offer or dispose of an interest in a timeshare plan that is not registered under this chapter to a person who is the owner of a timeshare interest in a timeshare plan created by the developer. Α developer under this subsection is exempt from Sections 221.021, 221.022, 221.023, 221.032, 221.041, 221.042, 221.043, 221.061, 221.071(a)(1) and (8), 221.074, and 221.075 if the developer: (1) permits the purchaser to cancel the purchase

contract before the sixth day after the date the contract is signed; and

(2) provides the purchaser all timeshare disclosure documents required by law to be provided in the jurisdiction in which the timeshare property is located.

(c) The following communications are not advertisements 16-53 under this chapter:

(1) any stockholder communication, 16-54 including an annual report or interim financial report, proxy registration statement, securities prospectus, material, 16-55 16-56 timeshare 16-57 disclosure statement, or other material required to be delivered to a prospective purchaser by a state or federal governmental entity; (2) any oral or written statement disseminated by a 16-58 16-59

developer to broadcast or print media, excluding: (A) paid advertising or promotional material 16-60 16-61

relating to plans for acquiring or developing timeshare property; 16-62 16-63 and

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| 16-66 | distribution or other dissemination of written statements, |
| 16-67 | including newspaper or magazine articles or press releases, by a |
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| 16-69 | (3) the offering of a timeshare interest in a national |

- C.S.H.B. No. 1045 publication or by electronic media that is not directed to or targeted at any individual located in this state; 17-1 17 - 217-3
 - (4)any audio, written, or visual publication or material relating to the availability of any accommodations for transient rental if:

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(A) a sales presentation is not a condition of the availability of the accommodations; and a term or

(B) the failure of the transient renter to take a tour of the timeshare property or attend a sales presentation does not result in a reduction in the level of services or an increase in the rental price that would otherwise be available to the renter; or (5) any follow-up communication with a person relating

to a promotion if the person previously received an advertisement relating to the promotion that complied with Section 221.031. (d) The following communications are exempt from this chapter if they are delivered to a person who has previously executed a contract for the purchase of or is an owner of a

timeshare interest in a timeshare plan:

(1) any communication addressed to and relating to the account of the person; or

(2) any audio, written, or visual publication or material relating to an exchange company or program if the person is a member of that exchange company or program.

SECTION 8. Sections 221.041, 221.042, and 221.043, Property Code, are amended to read as follows:

Sec. 221.041. PURCHASER'S RIGHT TO CANCEL. (a) A purchaser may cancel a <u>purchase</u> contract [to <u>purchase a timeshare interest</u>] before the sixth day after the date the purchaser signs and receives

a copy of the purchase contract or receives the required timeshare disclosure statement, whichever is later [contract is signed]. (b) [If a purchaser does not receive a copy of the contract at the time the contract is signed, the purchaser may cancel the contract to purchase the timeshare interest before the sixth day

after the date the contract is received by the purchaser. [(c)] A purchaser may not waive the [his] right of cancellation under this section. A contract containing a waiver is voidable by the purchaser. Sec. 221.042. NOTICE; REFUND. (a) If a purchaser elects to

cancel a <u>purchase</u> contract under Section <u>221.041</u> [201.041], <u>the</u> <u>purchaser</u> [he] may do so by hand-delivering notice of cancellation to the <u>developer</u>, [seller or] by mailing notice by prepaid United States mail to the <u>developer</u> [seller] or to the <u>developer's</u> [seller's] agent for service of process, or by providing notice by overnight common carrier delivery service to the developer or the developer's agent for service of process. (b) Cancellation is without penalty, and all payments made

by the purchaser before cancellation must be refunded on or before the <u>30th</u> [21st] day after the date on which the <u>developer</u> [seller] receives a timely notice of cancellation or on or before the fifth day after the date the developer receives good funds from the purchaser, whichever is later.

Sec. 221.043. CONTRACT REQUIREMENTS. (a) E<u>ach purchase</u> <u>contract</u> [Attached to each contract shall be a separate page identified as Exhibit A. Exhibit A shall be provided to each purchaser at the time the contract is signed and] shall contain the following information. The statements required by this subsection [Subdivisions (1)] and Subsection (c)(8) [(3)] shall be provided in a conspicuous manner and in the exact language set forth in this section with the <u>developer's</u> [seller's] name and address, the date of the last day of the fiscal year, and the address of the managing entity inserted where indicated:

[(1)] "PURCHASER'S RIGHT TO CANCEL.

"(1) [(A)] BY SIGNING THIS CONTRACT YOU ARE INCURRING AN OBLIGATION TO PURCHASE A TIMESHARE INTEREST. YOU MAY, HOWEVER, CANCEL THIS CONTRACT WITHOUT PENALTY OR OBLIGATION BEFORE THE SIXTH DAY AFTER THE DATE YOU SIGN AND RECEIVE A COPY OF THE PURCHASE 17-63 17-64 17-65 17-66 CONTRACT, OR RECEIVE THE REQUIRED TIMESHARE DISCLOSURE STATEMENT, WHICHEVER IS LATER [THE CONTRACT. IF YOU DO NOT RECEIVE A COPY OF THE CONTRACT AT THE TIME THE CONTRACT IS SIGNED, YOU MAY CANCEL THIS 17-67 17-68 17-69

CONTRACT WITHOUT PENALTY OR OBLIGATION BEFORE THE SIXTH DAY AFTER 18-1 THE DATE YOU RECEIVE A COPY OF THE CONTRACT]. 18-2

"(2) [(B)] IF YOU DECIDE TO CANCEL THIS CONTRACT, YOU 18-3 18-4 MAY DO SO BY EITHER HAND-DELIVERING NOTICE OF CANCELLATION TO THE DEVELOPER, [SELLER OR] BY MAILING NOTICE BY PREPAID UNITED STATES MAIL TO THE DEVELOPER [SELLER] OR THE DEVELOPER'S [SELLER'S] AGENT FOR SERVICE OF PROCESS, OR BY PROVIDING NOTICE BY OVERNIGHT COMMON CARRIER DELIVERY SERVICE TO THE DEVELOPER OR THE DEVELOPER'S AGENT 18-5 18-6 18-7 18-8 FOR SERVICE OF PROCESS. YOUR NOTICE OF CANCELLATION IS EFFECTIVE ON 18-9 18-10 THE DATE SENT OR DELIVERED TO (INSERT NAME OF DEVELOPER [SELLER]) AT (INSERT ADDRESS OF <u>DEVELOPER</u> [<u>SELLER</u>]). FOR YOUR PROTECTION, SHOULD YOU DECIDE TO CANCEL YOU SHOULD EITHER SEND YOUR NOTICE OF 18-11 18-12 CANCELLATION BY CERTIFIED MAIL WITH A RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED OR 18-13 OBTAIN A SIGNED AND DATED RECEIPT IF DELIVERING IT IN PERSON OR BY 18-14 18-15 18-16

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[(2) A statement disclosing the amount of the timeshare fees, on a monthly or annual basis, which are being assessed currently against or collected from the owners of a timeshare interest. Immediately following the timeshare fee disclosure statement shall be a statement that the timeshare fee 18-19 18-20 18-21 18-22 18-23 18-24 collected by the managing entity may be used to pay for the administrative and operating expenses of the property; and [(3) "AS A TIMESHARE OWNER YOU HAVE A RICHT TO REQUEST 18-25 18-26

A WRITTEN ANNUAL TIMESHARE FEE AND EXPENSE STATEMENT. THIS 18-27 STATEMENT IS PREPARED ANNUALLY BY THE MANAGING ENTITY AND WILL BE 18-28 AVAILABLE NO LATER THAN THE 90TH DAY FOLLOWING (INSERT THE DATE OF 18-29 18-30 THE LAST DAY OF THE FISCAL YEAR). YOU MAY REQUEST THE STATEMENT BY 18-31 WRITING TO (INSERT ADDRESS OF THE MANAGING ENTITY)."] 18-32

(b) Immediately following the required statements in <u>Subsection (a)</u> [on Exhibit A] shall be a space reserved for the signature of the purchaser. [The seller shall obtain the purchaser's signature on Exhibit A at the time the contract is signed.]

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The <u>purchase</u> contract must also include the following:

(1) the name and address of the <u>developer</u> [seller] and the address of the timeshare property or the address of any available timeshare interest being offered [unit]; (2) an agreement describing the cancellation policy prescribed by Section 221.041 [whether the purchaser visited the

[location of the timeshare unit before signing the contract];
 (3) [an agreement by the seller that if the purchaser
timely exercises the right of cancellation under the contract, all payments made by the purchaser to the seller in connection with the contract shall be returned to such purchaser before the 21st day after the seller receives notice of cancellation;

[(4)] the name of the person or persons <u>primarily</u> [actively] involved in the sales presentation on behalf of the developer [seller];

(4) a statement disclosing the amount of the periodic 18-52 18-53 assessments currently assessed against or collected from the purchasers of the timeshare interest, immediately followed by a 18-54 statement providing that collected assessments will be used by the managing entity to pay for expenditures, charges, reserves, or liabilities relating to the operation of the timeshare plan or 18-55 18-56 18-57 timeshare properties managed by the managing entity; (5) a statement disclosing [warranty] that the 18-58

18-59 18-60 timeshare common properties are not mortgaged, unless the mortgage contains a nondisturbance clause which fully protects the use and 18-61 enjoyment rights of each timeshare owner in the event 18-62 of 18-63 foreclosure; [and]

(6) in the event such timeshare interests are sold 18-64 under a lease, right to use, or membership agreement where free and clear title to the <u>accommodation</u> [timeshare unit] is not passed to 18-65 18-66 the <u>purchaser</u> [<u>buyer</u>], then the <u>purchase</u> contract must contain a <u>statement</u> [warranty] that the timeshare is free and clear; or if 18-67 18-68 subject to a mortgage, the mortgage must contain a nondisturbance 18-69

C.S.H.B. No. 1045 clause which <u>fully</u> protects the <u>use and enjoyment rights of each</u> 19-1 timeshare owner in the event of foreclosure; 19-2 19-3

(7) the date the purchaser signs the contract; and the following statement: (8)

"AS A TIMESHARE OWNER, YOU HAVE A RIGHT TO REQUEST A WRITTEN ANNUAL TIMESHARE FEE AND EXPENSE STATEMENT. THIS STATEMENT IS PREPARED ANNUALLY BY THE MANAGING ENTITY AND WILL BE AVAILABLE NOT LATER THAN FIVE MONTHS AFTER (INSERT THE DATE OF THE LAST DAY OF THE FISCAL YEAR). YOU MAY REQUEST THE STATEMENT BY WRITING TO (INSERT NAME AND ADDRESS OF THE MANAGING ENTITY)."

(d) The information required to be provided by this section be provided in the purchase contract or in an exhibit to the may purchase contract, or it may be provided in part in both if all of the information is provided.

SECTION 9. Section 221.052, Property Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 221.052. LIABILITY OF DEVELOPER AND EXCHANGE COMPANY. A developer does not incur any liability arising out of the delivery, or publication [by the developer] to <u>a</u> [the] haser of written information or audio-visual materials (a) use, purchaser of written information or audio-visual materials provided to it by the exchange company in accordance with Subchapter D, unless [. A developer is subject to liability arising out of the use, delivery, or publication to the purchaser of materials provided by the exchange company if] the developer knows or has reason to know that the materials are inaccurate or false.

(b) No exchange company shall have any liability with respect to any violation under this chapter arising out of the use by a developer of information relating to an exchange program other than that provided to the developer by the exchange company.

(c) An exchange company that denies exchange privileges to owner whose use of accommodations in the owner's timeshare plan is denied is not liable to any member of the exchange company or exchange program or any third party because of the denial of the

owner's exchange privileges. SECTION 10. Subchapter G, Chapter 221, Property Code, is amended by amending Sections 221.061, 221.062, and 221.063 and adding Section 221.064 to read as follows:

Sec. 221.061. ESCROW <u>OR TRUST</u> ACCOUNT REQUIRED. (a) A [The] developer or escrow agent of a timeshare plan [other person acting on its behalf] shall deposit in [establish] an escrow or trust account in a federally insured depository 100 percent of all funds received during the purchaser's cancellation period [with an escrow agent for the purpose of protecting deposits made by purchasers in connection with proposed dispositions of timeshare interests].

> (b) An escrow agent owes the purchaser a fiduciary duty.

The escrow agent and the developer shall execute an (c) agreement that includes a statement providing that:

(1) funds may be disbursed to the developer from the escrow or trust account by the agent only: (A) after the purchaser's cancellation period

has expired; and

(B) as provided by the purchase contract, subject to this subchapter; and

(2) if the purchaser cancels the purchase contract as provided by the contract, the funds must be paid to:

(A) the purchaser; or

(B) the developer if the purchaser's funds have

been refunded previously by the developer. (d) If a developer contracts to sell a timeshare interest and the construction of the building in which the timeshare interest is located has not been completed when the cancellation period expires, the developer shall continue to maintain all funds received from the purchaser under the purchase agreement in the escrow or trust account until construction of the building is completed. The documentation required for evidence of completion of construction includes:

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a certificate of occupancy;

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evidence of a public safety inspection equivalent 20-1 (3)to Subdivision (1) or (2) from a government agency in the applicable 20-2 jurisdiction; or 20-3 20 - 4

(4) any other evidence acceptable to the commission. Sec. 221.062. [ESCROW AMOUNT. Fifty percent of any deposit obtained from a purchaser shall be placed in the escrow account. [Sec. 221.063.] RELEASE OF ESCROW. (a) The funds or

20-6 20-7 20-8 property constituting the escrow or trust deposit may be released from escrow only in accordance with this section. 20-9 20-10

(b) If the purchaser cancels the purchase contract as provided by the contract, the funds shall be paid to: (1) the purchaser; or

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(2) the developer if the purchaser's funds have been refunded previously by the developer.

(c) If the purchaser defaults in the performance of obligations under the terms of the purchase [a] contract [to purchase a timeshare interest], the funds shall be paid to the developer [or other person legally entitled to the escrow deposit shall file an application with the escrow agent requesting release of the applicable amount. The application for release of the escrow deposit must be verified and must include:

[(1) a concise statement by the applicant that the has materially defaulted in the performance of 20-22 20-23 purchaser obligations under the terms of a contract to purchase a timeshare 20-24 interest and that the applicant and the developer have complied with all terms and obligations of that contract; 20-25 20-26

[(2) a complete explanation of the nature of the 20-27 purchaser's material default under the contract and of the date of 20-28 its occurrence; 20-29

[(3) a statement that pursuant to the terms of the contract the applicant is entitled to the escrow deposit; $[\frac{1}{3}]$ purchase

[(4) a statement that the developer has no knowledge of a dispute between the purchaser and developer and a statement that the purchaser has not, to the applicant's knowledge, made demand for the return of the deposit; and

[(5) a statement that the purchaser has not exercised cancellation under Subchapter E]. a right of

If the developer defaults in the performance of (d) obligations under the purchase contract, the funds shall be paid to the purchaser. (e) If

the funds of the purchaser have not been disbursed previously as provided by Subsections (a)-(d), the funds may be disbursed to the developer by the escrow or trust agent if acceptable evidence of completion of construction is provided.

(f) If there is a dispute relating to the funds in the escrow or trust account, the agent shall maintain the funds in the account until:

the agent receives written directions agreed to (1)and signed by all parties; or (2) a civil acti

a civil action relating to the disputed funds is filed.

If a civil action is filed under Subsection (f)(2), the (q) escrow or trust account agent shall deposit the funds with the court in which the action is filed.

Sec. 221.063. ALTERNATIVE TO ESCROW OR TRUST ACCOUNT: FINANCIAL ASSURANCE. (a) Instead of the deposit of funds in an escrow or trust account as provided by Section 221.061, the commission may accept from the developer a surety bond, irrevocable letter of credit, or other form of financial assurance, including financial assurance posted in another state or jurisdiction. (b) The amount of the financial assurance provided under

section must be an amount equal to or more than the amount of funds that would otherwise be placed in an escrow or trust account under Section 221.061(a). (c) The amount of the financial assurance provided under

20-65 this section for timeshare property under construction as provided 20-66 by Section 221.061(d) must be the lesser of: 20-67

(1) an amount equal to or more than the amount of funds that would otherwise be placed in an escrow or trust account under 20-68 20-69

21-1 that subsection; or 21-2

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(2) the amount necessary to assure completion of the building in which the timeshare interest is located.

Sec. 221.064. DOCUMENTATION REQUIRED. The escrow or trust account agent or developer shall make documents related to the escrow or trust account or the financial assurance provided available to the commission at the commission's request.

[(c) Notwithstanding the other provisions of this section, the escrow agent may release the escrow deposit to the applicant on presentation to the escrow agent of:

[(1) an affidavit by the developer that the timeshare unit is substantially complete and that no applicable right of cancellation of the contract has been exercised by the purchaser;

[(2) if funds were placed in the escrow account in connection with the proposed disposition of a timeshare estate, a true and correct copy of the instrument transferring ownership of the timeshare estate to the purchaser free and clear of all liens and encumbrances, except for any encumbrance created by purchaser financing; and

[(3) if funds were placed in the escrow account in connection with the proposed disposition of a timeshare use, a true and correct copy of a properly executed and recorded nondisturbance agreement executed by the developer and all holders of a lien recorded against the timeshare property and providing that subsequent owners or foreclosing holders of a lien shall take title to the timeshare property subject to the rights of prior purchasers under their contracts of sale.

[(d) A deposit may not be released from escrow until the escrow agent has provided the purchaser written notice of intent to release the escrow at least 14 days before the release.]

SECTION 11. Section 221.071, Property Code, is amended by amending Subsection (a) and adding Subsections (c) and (d) to read as follows:

(a) A <u>developer</u> [seller] or other person commits a false, misleading, or deceptive act or practice within the meaning of Subsections (a) and (b) of Section 17.46 of the Texas Deceptive Trade Practices-Consumer Protection Act (Article 17.46 et seq., Business & Commerce Code), by engaging in any of the following acts: (1) failing to disclose information concerning a

timeshare interest required by Subchapter D;

21 - 41(2) making false or misleading statements of fact concerning the characteristics of accommodations or amenities 21-42 21-43 available to a consumer;

(3) predicting specific or immediate increases in the value of a timeshare interest without a reasonable basis for such predictions;

(4) making false or misleading statements of fact concerning the duration that accommodations or amenities will be available to a consumer;

21-50 (5) making false or misleading statements of fact 21-51 concerning the conditions under which a purchaser of a timeshare 21-52 interest may exchange the right to occupy a unit for the right to 21-53 occupy a unit in the same or another timeshare property; 21-54

(6) representing that a prize, gift, or other benefit will be awarded in connection with a promotion with the intent not to award that prize, gift, or benefit in the manner represented;
 (7) failing to provide a copy of the purchase contract

21-58 to the purchaser at the time the contract is signed by the purchaser[, unless the purchaser requests in writing that the contract be mailed, and the contract is mailed to the purchaser before the end of the next business day]; 21-59 21-60 21-61 21-62

(8) failing to provide the annual [timeshare fee and expense] statement as required by Section 221.074(a) [221.074]; or

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| 21-66 | determined under Subsection (c) [furnishing false information in |
| 21-67 | the annual timeshare fee and expense statement as required by |
| 21-68 | Section 221.074]. |
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purchaser-to-accommodation ratio referred to in Subsection (a)(9) 22 - 1the total number of purchasers eligible to use the if 22-2 accommodations of the timeshare plan during a consecutive 12-month 22-3 period never exceeds the total number of accommodations available 22-4 for use in the timeshare plan during that same period. purchaser-to-accommodation ratio is computed by dividing t A 22-5 22-6 the number of purchasers eligible to use an accommodation in a 22-7 22-8 timeshare plan on any given day by the number of accommodations within the plan available for use on that day. For purposes of 22-9 computing the purchaser-to-accommodation ratio: 22-10

22-11 (1) each purchaser is counted at least once each consecutive 12-month period; 22-12 22-13

(2) each accommodation is counted not more than 365 times each consecutive 12-month period, excluding a leap year, in which each accommodation may be counted 366 times; and (3) a purchaser who is delinquent in paying timeshare assessments is considered eligible to use timeshare plan

accommodations.

(d) If a developer has substantially complied with this chapter in good faith, a nonmaterial error or omission is not actionable. Any nonmaterial error or omission is not sufficient to permit a purchaser to cancel a purchase contract after the period provided for cancellation expires under this chapter.

22-24 SECTION 12. Section 221.072, Property Code, is amended to 22-25 read as follows: 22-26

Sec. 221.072. INSURANCE. Before the disposition of any timeshare interest, the developer or managing entity shall maintain the following insurance with respect to the timeshare property:

(1) property insurance on the timeshare property and any personal property for use by purchasers, other than personal property separately owned by a purchaser, insuring against all risks of direct physical loss commonly insured against, in a total amount, after application of deductibles, of the <u>full</u> replacement cost of the accommodations and amenities of the timeshare property; and

22-36 (2) liability insurance covering all occurrences commonly insured against for death, bodily injury, and property 22-37 22-38 damage arising out of or in connection with the use, ownership, and maintenance of the timeshare property. SECTION 13. Sections 221.073(a) and (b), Property Code, are 22-39 22-40

amended to read as follows:

(a) A developer [or seller] subject to this chapter commits an offense if the developer [or seller] offers or disposes of a timeshare interest in a timeshare property which has not been registered with the commission.

(b) It is not a violation of this section for a developer [or seller] subject to [the provisions of] this chapter [Act] to accept and deposits from prospective purchasers in it Section 221 021(b) or (d) [the provisions of reservations accordance with <u>Section 221.021(b)</u> or (d) [the provisions Subsection (b) of Section 221.021 of this Act]. -of

SECTION 14. Section 221.074, Property Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 221.074. ANNUAL TIMESHARE FEE AND EXPENSE STATEMENT. (a) Notwithstanding <u>any contrary</u> [a] provision of the <u>required</u> <u>timeshare</u> [promotional] disclosure statement, project instrument, timeshare instrument, or bylaws adopted pursuant to a timeshare instrument, the managing entity shall make a written annual accounting of the operation of the timeshare properties managed by the managing entity to each purchaser who requests an accounting not later than <u>five months</u> [the 60th day] after the last day of each fiscal year [the managing entity shall make available to each owner a written annual accounting of the operation of the timeshare property or timeshare system]. The statement shall <u>fairly and</u> accurately represent the collection and expenditure of assessments and include:

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> (1) a balance sheet;

(2) an income and expense statement [which complies 22-67 22-68 with generally accepted accounting principles and reflects collection and expenditure of timeshare fees]; 22-69

(3) the current [operating] budget for the timeshare 23-1 property, timeshare properties managed by the same managing entity, or <u>multisite</u> timeshare <u>plan</u> [system] required by Section 221.032(b)(12) [221.032(b)(6)]; and 23-2 23-3 23-4 23-5

(4) [an accounting identifying any unfunded reserves for capital improvements and maintenance and upkeep of the property; and timeshare

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[(5) the name and address of each member of the board of directors of the council of purchasers or the owners' association, if one exists, and] the name, address, and telephone number of a designated representative of the managing entity.

(b) On the request of an owner, the [The] managing entity of the timeshare plan shall provide the owner with the name and address of each member of the board of directors of the owners' association, if one exists [make the fee statement available to owners of record of a timeshare interest as of the last day of the fiscal year as reflected in the managing entity's records].

(c) <u>A developer or managing entity shall have an annual</u> independent audit of the financial statements of the timeshare plan or timeshare properties managed by the managing entity performed by a certified public accountant or an accounting firm. The audit must be:

(1) conducted in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards as prescribed by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, the United States General Accounting Office, or other professionally recognized entities that prescribe auditing standards; and

(2) completed not later than five months after the last day of the fiscal year of the timeshare plan or timeshare property. [The statement shall be delivered in person or by mail to each person on the board of directors of the council of purchasers or the owners' association, if one exists.]

(d) <u>Knowingly furnishing false information in the annual</u> timeshare fee and expense statement is a violation of the Deceptive Trade Practices-Consumer Protection Act (Section 17.41 et seq.,

Business & Commerce Code). (e) The managing entity of any accommodation located in this state shall post prominently in the registration area of the accommodations [each timeshare property] the following notice, with the date of the last day of the current fiscal year and the address of the managing entity inserted where indicated:

"AS A TIMESHARE OWNER YOU HAVE A RIGHT TO REQUEST A WRITTEN ANNUAL TIMESHARE FEE AND EXPENSE STATEMENT. THIS STATEMENT IS PREPARED ANNUALLY BY THE MANAGING ENTITY AND WILL BE AVAILABLE NO LATER THAN <u>FIVE MONTHS</u> [THE 90TH DAY] FOLLOWING (INSERT THE DATE OF THE LAST DAY OF THE CURRENT FISCAL YEAR). YOU MAY REQUEST THE STATEMENT, BY WRITING TO (INSERT ADDRESS OF THE MANAGING ENTITY)."

[(e) If a request for the statement is received by the 23-49 managing entity prior to the date by which the statement is 23-50 23-51 available, the statement shall be provided no later than one week after the date the statement becomes available. If a request for the statement is received by the managing entity after the date the statement becomes available, the statement shall be provided no later than two weeks after the date the request is received by the 23-52 23-53 23-54 23-55 managing entity. For the purposes of this section, the statement shall be deemed provided if it is deposited in the mail, properly 23-56 23-58

addressed, with postage prepaid. [(f) A managing entity shall provide a separate annual timeshare fee and expense statement for each timeshare property unless the property is part of a timeshare system. A managing entity may provide a consolidated statement for all timeshare properties comprising a timeshare system.] SECTION 15. Sections 221.075(a) and (d), Property Code, are

amended to read as follows:

(a) On <u>receipt of</u> a written request filed with the commission by a managing entity before the date on which the statement required by Section 221.074 must be made available, the 23-66 23-67 23-68 23-69 commission for good cause shown may grant the managing entity an

24-1 extension of no more than 30 days in which to provide the statement. 24-2 (d) A managing entity may not assess against or collect from 24-3 the <u>purchasers</u> [owners] of a timeshare property the amount of a 24-4 penalty incurred under this section.

24-5SECTION 16.Sections 221.076 and 221.077, Property Code,24-6are amended to read as follows:24-7Sec. 221.076.MANAGING ENTITIES THAT MANAGE MORE THAN ONE

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Sec. 221.076. MANAGING ENTITIES THAT MANAGE MORE THAN ONE TIMESHARE [SYSTEM OR] PROPERTY. (a) A managing entity that manages two or more single-site timeshare plans [properties which are not participants of the same timeshare system] may [not] commingle the assessments [timeshare fees] collected from purchasers [owners] of one timeshare plan [property] with the assessments [timeshare fees] collected from purchasers [owners] of any other single-site plan for which it is the managing entity only if the practice is disclosed in the timeshare disclosure statement for each timeshare property and the appropriate statement is included in the declaration for each timeshare property as required by Subchapter \underline{B} .

(b) [A managing entity that manages two or more timeshare systems may not commingle the timeshare fees collected from owners participating in one timeshare system with the timeshare fees collected from owners participating in any other timeshare system.

[(c)] A managing entity which manages a <u>multisite</u> timeshare 24-23 24-24 plan [system] may deposit assessments [timeshare fees] collected from <u>purchasers</u> [owners] of one timeshare property into a common account with <u>assessments</u> [timeshare fees] collected from 24-25 24-26 purchasers [owners] of other timeshare properties participating in 24-27 the same <u>multisite</u> timeshare <u>plan</u> [system] only if the practice is disclosed in the timeshare disclosure statement for each timeshare 24-28 24-29 property in the <u>multisite</u> timeshare <u>plan</u> [system] and the appropriate statement is included in the declaration for each 24-30 24-31 timeshare <u>plan</u> [regime] as required by Subchapter B. 24-32

(c) Nothing in this section shall be construed to allow a managing entity to commingle <u>assessments</u> [the timeshare fees] of a multisite timeshare plan with the assessments of a separate multisite timeshare plan or a timeshare plan that is not a part of the multisite timeshare plan[+

[(1) separate timeshare systems;

[(2) separate timeshare properties which are not part of a timeshare system; or

[(3) a timeshare system with the timeshare fees of a separate timeshare property which is not a participant in the timeshare system].

Sec. 221.077. AVAILABILITY OF BOOKS AND RECORDS; RECORDS RETENTION. (a) A developer or managing entity, on written request of an owner, shall make available for examination at its registered office or principal place of business and at any reasonable time or times the relevant books and records relating to the collection and expenditure of assessments [timeshare fees].

(b) A developer or managing entity shall maintain in its records a copy of each purchase contract for an accommodation sold by the developer for a timeshare period unless the contract has been canceled. If a sale of the timeshare estate is pending, the developer shall retain a copy of the contract until a deed of conveyance, agreement for deed, or lease is recorded in the real property records of the county in which the timeshare property is located.

SECTION 17. This Act applies to timeshare plans created on or after January 15, 2006, and to any developer who offers or disposes of an interest in a timeshare plan and a managing entity that manages a timeshare property under Chapter 221, Property Code, as amended by this Act, on or after that date.

24-63SECTION 18. If a timeshare plan is registered with the Texas24-64Real Estate Commission before January 15, 2006:

24-65 (1) the registration expires 24 months after the last 24-66 anniversary of the date the timeshare plan was registered;

24-67(2) a developer may renew the registration as provided24-68by Section 221.023, Property Code, as amended by this Act; and24-69(3) the developer may continue to use the timeshare

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C.S.H.B. No. 1045 disclosure statement for the timeshare plan as approved by the Texas Real Estate Commission prior to January 15, 2006, so long as the registration is amended from time to time to disclose any materially adverse changes as required by Section 221.023, Property 25-1 25-2 25-3 25**-**4 Code, as amended by this Act. SECTION 19. This Act takes effect January 15, 2006. 25-5

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