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H.B. No. 1310

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to the authority of certain local dispute resolution  
3 centers to collect a fee from persons receiving dispute resolution  
4 services from the centers.

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

6 SECTION 1. Chapter 152, Civil Practice and Remedies Code,  
7 is amended by adding Section 152.006 to read as follows:

8 Sec. 152.006. FEE FOR ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION  
9 CENTERS. An entity described by Section 152.002(b)(1) that  
10 provides services for the resolution of disputes in a county with a  
11 population of 250,000 or more but less than 290,000 may collect a  
12 reasonable fee in any amount set by the commissioners court from a  
13 person who receives the services. Provided that nothing in this  
14 section shall be construed to affect the collection of a fee by any  
15 other entity described by Section 152.002(b)(1).

16 SECTION 2. This Act applies only to alternative dispute  
17 resolution services provided on or after the effective date of this  
18 Act. Any alternative dispute resolution services provided before  
19 the effective date of this Act are governed by the law in effect  
20 immediately before that time, and that law is continued in effect  
21 for that purpose.

22 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2005.