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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 may collect a
11 reasonable fee in any amount set by the commissioners court from a
12 person who receives the services.

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

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