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H.B. No. 1335

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to provision of notice to certain persons residing near a proposed housing development.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter F, Chapter 2306, Government Code, is amended by adding Section 2306.1115 to read as follows:

Sec. 2306.1115. NOTICE OF FILING OF APPLICATION OR PROPOSED APPLICATION. (a) A person who files with the department an application or a proposed application for housing funds described by Section 2306.111 shall provide notice by mail to any person residing within one-half mile of the site of the housing development described in the application. The notice must include the following information:

(1) the relevant dates affecting the application, including:

(A) the date on which the application was filed;

(B) the date or dates on which any hearings on the application will be held; and

(C) the date by which a decision on the application will be made;

(2) a summary of relevant facts associated with the development;

(3) a summary of any public benefits provided as a result of the development, including rent subsidies and tenant

1 services; and

2 (4) the name and contact information of the employee
3 of the department designated by the director to act as the
4 information officer and liaison with the public regarding the
5 application.

6 (b) Not later than the 30th day after the date of the filing,
7 the person filing the application or proposed application shall
8 certify to the department that notice has been given as required by
9 Subsection (a).

10 (c) The department may debar a person who fails to comply
11 with the requirements of this section from participating in
12 programs under this chapter. The board by rule shall adopt a policy
13 providing for the debarment of a person as described by this
14 subsection.

15 SECTION 2. This Act applies only to a housing development
16 for which an application or a proposed application for housing
17 funds is filed with the Texas Department of Housing and Community
18 Affairs on or after the effective date of this Act.

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