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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

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- 4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:
- 5 SECTION 1. Section 27.007(b), Property Code, is amended to 6 read as follows:
- 7 (b) A [If a contract does not contain the notice required by 8 this section, the] claimant may recover from the contractor a civil 9 penalty of \$500 in addition to any other remedy provided by this 10 chapter if:
- 11 (1) the contract does not contain the notice required
 12 by this section; and
- 13 (2) the claimant proves actual damages were 14 proximately caused by the construction defect.
- 15 SECTION 2. The change in law made by Section 27.007(b), 16 Property Code, as amended by this Act, applies to all actions not
- 17 finally adjudicated on or before the effective date of this Act.
- SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2005.

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