

1 AN ACT

2 relating to the liability of an ERISA-regulated employee benefit
3 plan under certain state law.

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

5 SECTION 1. Chapter 88, Civil Practice and Remedies Code, is
6 amended by adding Section 88.0015 to read as follows:

7 Sec. 88.0015. INAPPLICABILITY TO ERISA-REGULATED EMPLOYEE
8 BENEFIT PLAN. This chapter does not apply to an employee benefit
9 plan regulated under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of
10 1974 (29 U.S.C. Section 1001 et seq.).

11 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
12 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
13 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
14 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
15 Act takes effect September 1, 2005.

S.B. No. 554

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 554 passed the Senate on April 7, 2005, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Secretary of the Senate

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 554 passed the House on May 20, 2005, by the following vote: Yeas 137, Nays 0, one present not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

Approved:

Date

Governor