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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

| 2 | relating to verification of information disseminated by state |
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| 3 | agencies. |
| 4 | BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS: |
| 5 | SECTION 1. Chapter 2052, Government Code, is amended by |
| 6 | adding Subchapter E to read as follows: |
| 7 | SUBCHAPTER E. VERIFICATION OF CERTAIN INFORMATION |
| 8 | Sec. 2052.351. VERIFICATION OF DISSEMINATED INFORMATION. A |
| 9 | state agency may not disseminate information, including a judgment, |
| 10 | policy statement, or review, related to a profession, product, or |
| 11 | service regulated by the agency unless the agency verifies the |
| 12 | accuracy of the information by consulting experts or professional |
| 13 | or trade associations affiliated with the industry affected by the |
| 14 | <u>information</u> . |
| 15 | Sec. 2052.352. COMPLAINTS. (a) A person who believes a |
| 16 | state agency has disseminated inaccurate, incorrect, or misleading |
| 17 | information subject to Section 2052.351 may file a complaint with |
| 18 | the state agency. |
| 19 | (b) A state agency shall maintain a system to promptly and |
| 20 | efficiently act on complaints filed with the agency under |
| 21 | Subsection (a). The agency shall maintain information about: |
| 22 | (1) the parties to the complaint; |
| 23 | (2) the subject matter of the complaint; |
| 24 | (3) a summary of the results of the review or |

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- investigation of the complaint; and
- 2 (4) the disposition of the complaint.
- 3 Sec. 2052.353. REPORT TO LEGISLATURE. Each state agency
- 4 shall file an annual report with the legislature concerning the
- 5 complaints received by the agency under Section 2052.352.
- 6 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2007.