

Amend CSHB 148 (house committee printing) by inserting the following appropriately numbered SECTION to the bill and renumbering subsequent SECTIONS of the bill accordingly:

SECTION _____. Chapter 42, Civil Practice and Remedies Code, is amended by adding Section 42.0031 to read as follows:

Sec. 42.0031. ENFORCEABILITY OF CERTAIN SETTLEMENT AGREEMENTS. (a) Notwithstanding Section 42.002(c), this section applies to any agreement to settle a claim that arises from bodily injury or death.

(b) A settlement agreement described by Subsection (a) may be voided by the injured party until the expiration of the seventh day after the date the agreement is entered into unless the claimant is represented by counsel at the time the claimant enters into the agreement. An injured party who is not represented by counsel must be informed of the party's option to void the agreement at the time of settlement.