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H.B. No. 3019

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to provision of construction documents to purchasers of newly constructed homes.

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

SECTION 1. The heading to Chapter 420, Property Code, is amended to read as follows:

CHAPTER 420. REGULATION OF BUILDING CONTRACTS AND TRANSFERS OF TITLE FROM BUILDER [~~CONTRACT PROVISIONS~~]

SECTION 2. Chapter 420, Property Code, is amended by adding Section 420.004 to read as follows:

Sec. 420.004. CONSTRUCTION DOCUMENTS. A builder who constructs a new home must provide a copy of any documents used in the construction of the home, including written specifications or blueprints:

(1) at the time the construction is completed, to the person who contracted with the builder for the construction of the home; or

(2) at the time title to the home is transferred by the builder, to the person who purchases the home from the builder.

SECTION 3. The change in law made by this Act applies only to a contract entered into or a transfer of title made on or after the effective date of this Act. A contract entered into or a transfer of title made before the effective date of this Act is governed by the law in effect immediately before the effective date

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1 of this Act, and that law is continued in effect for that purpose.

2 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2009.