

Amend CSHB 1616 by adding the following appropriately numbered SECTIONS to the bill and renumbering subsequent SECTIONS of the bill accordingly:

SECTION _____. Section 571.062, Government Code, is amended by adding Subsection (c) to read as follows:

(c) A person may not be prosecuted for engaging in an action authorized by commission rule.

SECTION _____. Section 571.065, Government Code, is amended by adding Subsection (c) to read as follows:

(c) A person may not be prosecuted for an offense arising out of the filing of a statement or report on a form prescribed by the commission if the person would not have committed an offense had the person not followed written instructions contained on the form.

SECTION _____. Section 571.097, Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 571.097. IMMUNITY FROM PROSECUTION ~~[DEFENSE]~~ FOR RELIANCE ON ADVISORY OPINION. An attorney representing this state may not prosecute or seek recovery of ~~[It is a defense to prosecution or to imposition of]~~ a civil penalty from a ~~[that the]~~ person who reasonably relied on a written advisory opinion of the commission relating to the provision of the law the person is alleged to have violated or relating to a fact situation that is substantially similar to the fact situation in which the person is involved.