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H.B. No. 3444

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to required disclosure for appointment of certain
3 impartial third parties.

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

5 SECTION 1. Subchapter C, Chapter 154, Civil Practice and
6 Remedies Code, is amended by adding Section 154.0521 to read as
7 follows:

8 Sec. 154.0521. DISCLOSURE REQUIRED. To be appointed an
9 impartial third party to facilitate an arbitration under this
10 subchapter, a person must disclose to all parties the nature of any
11 financial or other relationship the person has to any party.

12 SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies only
13 to the appointment of an impartial third party that takes place on
14 or after the effective date of this Act. An appointment of an
15 impartial third party that takes place before the effective date of
16 this Act is governed by the law in effect immediately before that
17 date, and that law is continued in effect for that purpose.

18 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2011.