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H.B. No. 1472

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the enforcement of requirements for the issuance of local permits by regulatory agencies of political subdivisions.

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

SECTION 1. Section 245.006, Local Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 245.006. ENFORCEMENT OF CHAPTER. (a) This chapter may be enforced [~~only~~] through mandamus or declaratory or injunctive relief. The attorney general may bring an action to enforce this chapter.

(b) A political subdivision's immunity from suit is waived in regard to an action under this chapter. If it is found in a civil action that a political subdivision has violated this chapter, the political subdivision is liable for actual damages and reasonable attorney's fees.

SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies only to an action that commences on or after the effective date of this Act. An action that commences before the effective date of this Act is governed by the law in effect on the date the action commenced, and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.