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H.B. No. 2069

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to a limitation on civil suits against persons reporting suspicious activity in good faith.

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

SECTION 1. Title 6, Civil Practice and Remedies Code, is amended by adding Chapter 128A to read as follows:

CHAPTER 128A. LIMITATION ON SUITS AGAINST CERTAIN PERSONS
REPORTING SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY

Sec. 128A.001. LIMITATION ON CIVIL ACTION. A civil action related to a report of suspicious activity of another person to an appropriate law enforcement authority may not be brought against the person who made the report if the person made the report in good faith with a reasonable belief that the suspicious activity constitutes or is in furtherance of a crime, including an act of terrorism.

SECTION 2. Section 128A.001, Civil Practice and Remedies Code, as added by this Act, applies only to a cause of action that accrues on or after the effective date of this Act.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.