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H.B. No. 439

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 acted:

(1) as a reasonable person would in the same or similar circumstances; and

(2) with a reasonable belief that the suspicious activity constituted or was 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, 2019.