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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED 1 AN ACT relating to recovery of attorney's fees in certain civil cases. 2 3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS: SECTION 1. Section 38.001, Civil Practice and Remedies 4 5 Code, is amended to read as follows: Sec. 38.001. RECOVERY OF ATTORNEY'S FEES. 6 A person may recover reasonable attorney's fees from an 7 individual or corporation, in addition to the amount of a valid claim and costs, 8 if the person is the prevailing party and the claim is for: 9 (1) rendered services; 10 11 (2) performed labor; 12 (3) furnished material; 13 (4) freight or express overcharges; 14 (5) lost or damaged freight or express; (6) killed or injured stock; 15 a sworn account; or 16 (7) (8) an oral or written contract. 17 SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies only 18 to an award of attorney's fees in an action commenced on or after 19 the effective date of this Act. An award of attorney's fees in an 20 21 action commenced before the effective date of this Act is governed 22 by the law applicable to the award immediately before the effective date of this Act, and that law is continued in effect for that 23 24 purpose.

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1 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2019.