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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to certain municipal fees imposed on a landlord of a multiunit complex.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter Z, Chapter 214, Local Government Code, is amended by adding Section 214.907 to read as follows:

Sec. 214.907. LIMITATION ON CERTAIN MUNICIPAL LANDLORD FEES. (a) In this section:

(1) "Landlord" and "multiunit complex" have the meanings assigned by Section 92.151, Property Code.

(2) "Rental license" means a license required by a municipality that authorizes a landlord to rent a dwelling.

(b) Notwithstanding any other law, a municipality may not adopt or enforce an ordinance that imposes on a landlord of a multiunit complex:

(1) an annual rental license fee for the complex of more than the lesser of:

(A) $10 per dwelling unit; or

(B) $1,500; or

(2) a change of address fee of more than $150 for the change of the landlord's address.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2019.