

1-1 By: Landgraf, et al. (Senate Sponsor - Hughes) H.B. No. 1578
 1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House April 21, 2021;
 1-3 May 6, 2021, read first time and referred to Committee on State
 1-4 Affairs; May 10, 2021, reported favorably by the following vote:
 1-5 Yeas 7, Nays 0; May 10, 2021, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-17 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-18 AN ACT

1-19 relating to recovery of attorney's fees incertain civil cases.
 1-20 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:
 1-21 SECTION 1. Section 38.001, Civil Practice and Remedies
 1-22 Code, is amended to read as follows:
 1-23 Sec. 38.001. RECOVERY OF ATTORNEY'S FEES. (a) In this
 1-24 section, "organization" has the meaning assigned by Section 1.002,
 1-25 Business Organizations Code.
 1-26 (b) A person may recover reasonable attorney's fees from an
 1-27 individual or organization [~~corporation~~], in addition to the amount
 1-28 of a valid claim and costs, if the claim is for:
 1-29 (1) rendered services;
 1-30 (2) performed labor;
 1-31 (3) furnished material;
 1-32 (4) freight or express overcharges;
 1-33 (5) lost or damaged freight or express;
 1-34 (6) killed or injured stock;
 1-35 (7) a sworn account; or
 1-36 (8) an oral or written contract.
 1-37 SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies only
 1-38 to an award of attorney's fees in an action commenced on or after
 1-39 the effective date of this Act. An award of attorney's fees in an
 1-40 action commenced before the effective date of this Act is governed
 1-41 by the law applicable to the award immediately before the effective
 1-42 date of this Act, and that law is continued in effect for that
 1-43 purpose.
 1-44 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2021.

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