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H.B. No. 2782

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to businesses' civil liability for COVID-19 exposure.

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

SECTION 1. Title 4, Civil Practice and Remedies Code, is amended by adding Chapter 100C to read as follows:

CHAPTER 100C. COVID-19 EXPOSURE LIABILITY FOR BUSINESSES

Sec. 100C.001. LIABILITY LIMITED. A business entity or person who owns a business entity may not be held liable for injury or death caused by exposure to the 2019 novel coronavirus disease that occurred due to the entity's activities or operations, unless a claimant proves that the exposure was caused by gross negligence or wilful misconduct.

SECTION 2. Chapter 100C, Civil Practice and Remedies Code, as added by this Act, applies to a cause of action that accrued before, on, or after the effective date of this Act.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2021.