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H.B. No. 697

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1	AN ACT							
2	relating to seller's d	isclosures	regarding	fuel	gas	piping	in	
3	residential real propert	. .						
4	BE IT ENACTED BY T	HE LEGISLATU	JRE OF THE S	TATE C	F TE	XAS:		
5	SECTION 1. Section 5.008(b), Property Code, is amended t							
6	read as follows:							
7	(b) The notice must be executed and must, at a minimum, read							
8	substantially similar to the following:							
9	SELLER'S DISCLOSURE NOTICE							
10 11	CONCERNING THE PROPERTY AT (Street Address and City)							
12 13 14 15 16	THIS NOTICE IS A DISCLOSURE OF SELLER'S KNOWLEDGE OF THE CONDITION OF THE PROPERTY AS OF THE DATE SIGNED BY SELLER AND IS NOT A SUBSTITUTE FOR ANY INSPECTIONS OR WARRANTIES THE PURCHASER MAY WISH TO OBTAIN. IT IS NOT A WARRANTY OF ANY KIND BY SELLER OR SELLER'S AGENTS.							
17	Seller is is not occupying the Property.							
18	If unoccupied, how long since Seller has occupied the Property?							
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20	1. The Property has the	items check	ked below:					
21	Write Yes (Y), No (N), or	Unknown (U).					
22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31 32	<pre>Washer/Dryer Hookups Security System</pre>	Window Screens Fire De Equipme Smoke I Smoke I Hearing	etection	_	Disp Rair	cowave posal h Gutter ercom eem	S	

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1 2		Alarm	
3		<pre> Emergency Escape Ladder(s)</pre>	
4	TV Antenna	Cable TV	Satellite
5		— Wiring	— Dish
6	<pre> Ceiling Fan(s)</pre>	Attic Fan(s)	Exhaust
7			Fan(s)
8	Central A/C	Central Heating	Wall/Window
9			Air
10 11	Plumbing System	Septic System	Conditioning Public Sewer
12	Fidmbing System	septic system	System
13	Patio/Decking	Outdoor Grill	Fences
14	Pool	Sauna	Spa
15			Hot Tub
16	Pool Equipment	Pool Heater	Automatic Lawn
17			Sprinkler
18	- 1 - 7 - 7		System
19	Fireplace(s) &		Fireplace(s) &
20	Chimney		Chimney
21 22	(Woodburning) Natural Gas Lines		(Mock) Gas Fixtures
	Natural Gas Lines Liquid Propane Gas:	LP Community	Gas Fixtures LP on Property
24	Hiquid II opanie Gas:	(Captive)	HI OH ITOPETEY
23 24 25 26	Fuel Gas Piping:	Black Iron Pipe	Corrugated
26		Copper	Stainless Steel
27			Tubing
28	Garage: Attached	Not Attached	Carport
29	Garage Door Opener(s):	Electronic	Control(s)
30 31	Water Heater:	Gas	Electric
3 T	Water Supply: City	Well MUD	Co-op
32	Roof Type:		Age:(approx)
33	Are you (Seller) aware o	of anv of the above i	tems that are not in
	-	_	
34	working condition, that	have known defects, o	r that are in need of
35	repair?YesNo	Unknown.	
36	If yes, then describe. (Attach additional she	eets if necessary):
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39	2. Does the property h	ave working smoke de	tectors installed in
10	accordance with the smo	ke detector requirem	ents of Chanter 766
		_	-
11	Health and Safety Code?*	Yes No Un	known.

1 Τf the answer to the question above is no or unknown, 2 (Attach additional sheets if necessary): ___ explain. 3 4 5 *Chapter 766 of the Health and Safety Code requires one-family or two-family dwellings to have working smoke detectors 6 installed in accordance with the requirements of the building code 7 8 in effect in the area in which the dwelling is located, including performance, location, and power source requirements. If you do 9 10 not know the building code requirements in effect in your area, you may check unknown above or contact your local building official for 11 12 more information. A buyer may require a seller to install smoke detectors for the hearing impaired if: (1) the buyer or a member of 13 the buyer's family who will reside in the dwelling is hearing 14 15 impaired; (2) the buyer gives the seller written evidence of the hearing impairment from a licensed physician; and (3) within 10 16 17 days after the effective date, the buyer makes a written request for the seller to install smoke detectors for the hearing impaired and 18 19 specifies the locations for installation. The parties may agree who will bear the cost of installing the smoke detectors and which 20 brand of smoke detectors to install. 21 Are you (Seller) aware of any known defects/malfunctions in any 22 23 of the following? 24 Write Yes (Y) if you are aware, write No (N) if you are not aware. 25 ___ Ceilings 26 Interior Walls Floors 27 ___ Exterior Walls __ Doors __ Windows 28 ___ Roof __ Foundation/ ___ Basement 29 Slab(s) 30 ___ Walls/Fences ___ Sidewalks ___ Driveways

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3	Other Structural Componen	nts (I	escrib	e):_				
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6	If the answer to any of	the	above	is	yes,	explain.	(A	ttach
7	additional sheets if necessa	ary):		-				
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)	4. Are you (Seller) aware o	f any	of the	fol	lowin	g conditi	ons?	
L 2	Write Yes (Y) if you are awar	ce, wr	ite No	(N)	if yo	u are not	awar	е.
} 1	Active Termites (includes					s Structur Repair	al	
5	wood-destroying insects) Termite or Wood Rot Damag	е		Haz	zardou	ıs or Toxi	c Was	ste
7 3 9	Needing Repair Previous Termite Damage Previous Termite Treatment			Ure Ins	ea for sulati			
L 2 3	Improper Drainage Water Damage Not Due to a			Lea		s ed Paint n Wiring		
4 5	Flood Event			_Pr	evious	Fires		
5 7				_ Un <u>ı</u>	platte	ed Easemen	ts	
3) L 2	<pre>Landfill, Settling, Soil Movement, Fault Lines Single Blockable Main Drain in Pool/Hot Tub/Spa*</pre>		_	Sti Pre foi	evious Manu	ace e or Pits s Use of Pi facture o netamine		ses
1	If the answer to any of	the	above	is	yes,	explain.	(A	ttach
5	additional sheets if necessa	ary):						
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3	*A single blockable m	ain di	ain ma	у са	use a	suction e	ntra	.pment

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    hazard for an individual.
         Are you (Seller) aware of any item, equipment, or system in or
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    on the property that is in need of repair? ___ Yes (if you are
              __ No (if you are not aware). If yes, explain (attach
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    additional
                              sheets
                                                                    necessary).
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         Are you (Seller) aware of any of the following conditions?
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        Write Yes (Y) if you are aware, write No (N) if you are not aware.
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         Present flood insurance coverage
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         Previous flooding due to a failure or breach of a reservoir or a
    controlled or emergency release of water from a reservoir
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         Previous water penetration into a structure on the property due
    to a natural flood event
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    Write Yes (Y) if you are aware and check wholly or partly as
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    applicable, write No (N) if you are not aware.
       Located ( ) wholly
                             ( ) partly in a 100-year floodplain (Special
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    Flood Hazard Area-Zone A, V, A99, AE, AO, AH, VE, or AR)

Located () wholly () partly in a 500-year floodplain (Moderate Flood Hazard Area-Zone X (shaded))

Located () wholly () partly in a floodway

Located () wholly () partly in a flood pool
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                              () partly in a floodway
() partly in a flood pool
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     __ Located ( ) wholly
                              ( ) partly in a reservoir
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    If the answer to any of the above is yes, explain (attach additional
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    sheets as necessary): _
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            * For purposes of this notice:
            "100-year floodplain" means any area of land that:
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                        is identified on the flood insurance rate map as a
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    special flood hazard area, which is designated as Zone A, V, A99,
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    AE, AO, AH, VE, or AR on the map;
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                  (B) has a one percent annual chance of flooding, which
    is considered to be a high risk of flooding; and
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- 1 (C) may include a regulatory floodway, flood pool, or
- 2 reservoir.
- 3 "500-year floodplain" means any area of land that:
- 4 (A) is identified on the flood insurance rate map as a
- 5 moderate flood hazard area, which is designated on the map as Zone X
- 6 (shaded); and
- 7 (B) has a two-tenths of one percent annual chance of
- 8 flooding, which is considered to be a moderate risk of flooding.
- 9 "Flood pool" means the area adjacent to a reservoir that lies
- 10 above the normal maximum operating level of the reservoir and that
- 11 is subject to controlled inundation under the management of the
- 12 United States Army Corps of Engineers.
- "Flood insurance rate map" means the most recent flood hazard
- 14 map published by the Federal Emergency Management Agency under the
- 15 National Flood Insurance Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C. Section 4001 et
- 16 seq.).
- 17 "Floodway" means an area that is identified on the flood
- 18 insurance rate map as a regulatory floodway, which includes the
- 19 channel of a river or other watercourse and the adjacent land areas
- 20 that must be reserved for the discharge of a base flood, also
- 21 referred to as a 100-year flood, without cumulatively increasing
- 22 the water surface elevation more than a designated height.
- "Reservoir" means a water impoundment project operated by the
- 24 United States Army Corps of Engineers that is intended to retain
- 25 water or delay the runoff of water in a designated surface area of
- 26 land.
- 27 7. Have you (Seller) ever filed a claim for flood damage to the

1	property with any insurance provider, including the National Flood					
2	Insurance Program (NFIP)?* Yes No. If yes, explain (attach					
3	additional sheets as necessary):					
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5	*Homes in high risk flood zones with mortgages from federally					
6	regulated or insured lenders are required to have flood					
7	insurance. Even when not required, the Federal Emergency					
8	Management Agency (FEMA) encourages homeowners in high risk,					
9	moderate risk, and low risk flood zones to purchase flood insurance					
10	that covers the structure(s) and the personal property within the					
11	structure(s).					
12	8. Have you (Seller) ever received assistance from FEMA or the					
13	U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) for flood damage to the					
14	property? Yes No. If yes, explain (attach additional sheets					
15	as necessary):					
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17	9. Are you (Seller) aware of any of the following?					
18 19	Write Yes (Y) if you are aware, write No (N) if you are not aware.					
20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31 32	Room additions, structural modifications, or other alterations or repairs made without necessary permits or not in compliance with building codes in effect at that time. Homeowners' Association or maintenance fees or assessments. Any "common area" (facilities such as pools, tennis courts, walkways, or other areas) co-owned in undivided interest with others. Any notices of violations of deed restrictions or governmental ordinances affecting the condition or use of the Property. Any lawsuits directly or indirectly affecting the Property. Any condition on the Property which materially affects the physical health or safety of an individual.					
33 34 35	Any rainwater harvesting system located on the property that is larger than 500 gallons and that uses a public water supply as an auxiliary water source.					

1 2	H.B. No. 697 Any portion of the property that is located in a groundwater conservation district or a subsidence district.
3	If the answer to any of the above is yes, explain. (Attach
4	additional sheets if necessary):
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7	10. If the property is located in a coastal area that is seaward of
8	the Gulf Intracoastal Waterway or within 1,000 feet of the mean high
9	tide bordering the Gulf of Mexico, the property may be subject to
10	the Open Beaches Act or the Dune Protection Act (Chapter 61 or 63,
11	Natural Resources Code, respectively) and a beachfront
12	construction certificate or dune protection permit may be required
13	for repairs or improvements. Contact the local government with
14	ordinance authority over construction adjacent to public beaches
15	for more information.
16	11. This property may be located near a military installation and
17	may be affected by high noise or air installation compatible use
18	zones or other operations. Information relating to high noise and
19	compatible use zones is available in the most recent Air
20	Installation Compatible Use Zone Study or Joint Land Use Study
21	prepared for a military installation and may be accessed on the
22	Internet website of the military installation and of the county and
23	any municipality in which the military installation is located.
24 25	Date Signature of Seller
26	The undersigned purchaser hereby acknowledges receipt of the
27	foregoing notice.
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29	Date Signature of Purchaser

1 SECTION 2. Section 5.008(b), Property Code, as amended by this Act, applies only to a transfer of property that occurs on or 2 after the effective date of this Act. A transfer of property that occurs before the effective date of this Act is governed by the law applicable to the transfer immediately before that date, and the 5 6 former law is continued in effect for that purpose. For the purposes of this section, a transfer of property occurs before the 7 8 effective date of this Act if the contract binding the purchaser to purchase the property is executed before that date. 9

10 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.