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H.B. No. 3766

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to a waiver of rental application fees for certain persons.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter I, Chapter 92, Property Code, is amended by adding Section 92.3516 to read as follows:

Sec. 92.3516. WAIVER OF RENTAL APPLICATION FEES FOR CERTAIN PERSONS. (a) In this section, "homeless person" has the meaning assigned by 42 U.S.C. Section 11302.

(b) A landlord or a landlord's agent may not charge an application fee to any homeless person in order to apply to lease a dwelling if the person provides acceptable proof of the person's homelessness, as prescribed by the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs by rule.

SECTION 2. As soon as practicable after the effective date of this Act and not later than January 1, 2024, the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs shall adopt rules necessary to implement Section 92.3516, Property Code, as added by this Act.

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