

Amend SB 8 (house committee report) as follows:

(1) On page 11, between lines 4 and 5, add the following appropriately numbered section to proposed Subchapter C, Chapter 3002, Government Code:

Sec. 3002.\_\_\_\_. LIABILITY FOR FALSE ACCUSATION OR DISSEMINATION OF PERSONAL INFORMATION, IMAGE, OR LIKENESS. (a) A person is liable for any material, reputational, or physical harm suffered by an individual accused of violating this chapter if the person:

(1) knowingly or recklessly falsely accuses the individual of the violation; or

(2) disseminates without the individual's consent the individual's personal information, image, or likeness in connection with the individual's compliance with this chapter.

(b) An individual who is falsely accused or whose personal information, image, or likeness is disseminated under Subsection (a) is entitled to recover:

(1) actual damages for the harm suffered; and

(2) court costs, including reasonable attorney's fees and witness fees.

(c) If a false accusation described by Subsection (a)(1) results in the publication of dissemination to the public of the personal information, image, or likeness of the accused individual, the accused individual is entitled to recover actual damages in an amount equal to not less than the amount of civil penalties authorized under Section 3002.101.