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- 2 relating to the use by a landlord or landlord's manager or agent of
- 3 a tenant's name or likeness for a commercial purpose.
- 4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:
- 5 SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 92, Property Code, is
- 6 amended by adding Section 92.027 to read as follows:
- 7 Sec. 92.027. LANDLORD'S USE OF TENANT'S NAME OR LIKENESS.
- 8 (a) This section applies to a provision in a lease or other
- 9 agreement that purports to authorize the landlord or the landlord's
- 10 manager or agent to publish for any commercial purpose the name or
- 11 likeness of the tenant or any dependent residing with the tenant.
- 12 (b) A provision to which this section applies must provide a
- 13 tenant the opportunity to opt out of the authorization.
- 14 (c) An authorization granted by a provision to which this
- 15 section applies is effective only during the tenant's lease term.
- 16 (d) Any provision in a lease or other agreement entered into
- 17 in violation of this section or the terms of which violate this
- 18 <u>section is void.</u>
- 19 (e) If a landlord or landlord's manager or agent obtains a
- 20 tenant's agreement to a provision in a lease or other agreement in
- 21 violation of this section, or uses a tenant's name or likeness
- 22 pursuant to a provision that is void under this section, the tenant
- 23 is entitled to recover from or against the landlord or manager or
- 24 agent of the landlord:

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- 1 (1) an amount equal to one month's rent;
- 2 (2) injunctive relief; and
- 3 (3) reasonable attorney's fees incurred by the tenant
- 4 <u>in seeking enforcement of this section.</u>
- 5 SECTION 2. Section 92.027, Property Code, as added by this
- 6 Act, applies to a lease or other agreement entered into or renewed
- 7 on or after the effective date of this Act.
- 8 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.