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H.B. No. 3081

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to certain civil penalties under the Deceptive Trade Practices-Consumer Protection Act.

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

SECTION 1. Section 17.47(c), Business & Commerce Code, is amended to read as follows:

(c) In addition to the request for a temporary restraining order, or permanent injunction in a proceeding brought under Subsection (a) of this section, the consumer protection division may request, and the trier of fact may award, a civil penalty to be paid to the state in an amount of:

(1) not more than \$20,000 [~~\$10,000~~] per violation; and

(2) an additional amount of not more than \$250,000 if the act or practice that is the subject of the proceeding was calculated to acquire or deprive money or other property from a consumer who was:

(A) 65 years of age or older when the act or practice occurred;

(B) not fluent in the language in which the act or practice occurred; or

(C) a person with an intellectual disability [~~an additional amount of not more than \$250,000~~].

SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act to Section 17.47, Business & Commerce Code, applies only to an action brought

1 under that section on or after the effective date of this Act. An
2 action brought under Section 17.47, Business & Commerce Code,
3 before the effective date of this Act is governed by the law in
4 effect on the date the action was brought, and the former law is
5 continued in effect for that purpose.

6 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.