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H.B. No. 3232

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to the collection of costs incurred by a municipality in
3 remedying substandard conditions on a property.

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

5 SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 342, Health and Safety
6 Code, is amended by adding Section 342.0075 to read as follows:

7 Sec. 342.0075. COLLECTION OF EXPENSES AND INTEREST. (a) On
8 the request of a municipality, the person who assesses the ad
9 valorem taxes for the municipality shall include on the ad valorem
10 tax bill sent under Section 31.01, Tax Code, to the owner of a
11 property a separate item for the expenses imposed by the
12 municipality, including accrued interest, under Section 342.007.
13 The tax bill must show the total amount due, and that amount must
14 include the ad valorem taxes, expenses incurred, and interest
15 accrued.

16 (b) At the time the property owner pays the ad valorem taxes
17 on the property to the person who collects the ad valorem taxes for
18 the municipality, the property owner shall pay to that collector
19 those expenses incurred and the interest accrued.

20 (c) If the person who assesses or collects taxes for a
21 municipality is not an officer or employee of the municipality, the
22 municipality shall negotiate with the person a reasonable fee to be
23 paid to the person for services performed by the person under this
24 section.

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1 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2003, and
2 applies to the collection of an expense incurred by a municipality
3 and the related interest accrued before, on, or after the effective
4 date of this Act.