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H.B. No. 1372

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to retention of certain engineering computations made
3 regarding structures located in first tier coastal counties.

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

5 SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 2210, Insurance Code, is
6 amended by adding Section 2210.0041 to read as follows:

7 Sec. 2210.0041. ENGINEERING COMPUTATIONS. (a) This
8 section applies to an engineer who provides professional
9 engineering services regarding the construction, modification, or
10 repair of a structure that is located in a first tier coastal
11 county.

12 (b) An engineer shall submit copies of all computations
13 developed in conjunction with the professional engineering
14 services described by Subsection (a) to the department in the
15 manner prescribed by commissioner rule.

16 (c) The department shall maintain the information submitted
17 to the department under Subsection (b) until the expiration of the
18 limitations period under Section 16.008, Civil Practice and
19 Remedies Code.

20 (d) The Texas Board of Professional Engineers shall
21 cooperate with the department in the implementation and enforcement
22 of this section. The Texas Board of Professional Engineers shall
23 adopt rules and post information on the board's Internet website as
24 necessary to inform engineers licensed in this state of the

1 requirements of this section.

2 (e) Failure by an engineer to comply with Subsection (b)
3 constitutes grounds for disciplinary action under Subchapter J,
4 Chapter 1001, Occupations Code.

5 SECTION 2. An engineer is not required to comply with
6 Section 2210.0041, Insurance Code, as added by this Act, until
7 January 1, 2008.

8 SECTION 3. The commissioner of insurance and the Texas
9 Board of Professional Engineers shall adopt rules and post
10 information as required by Section 2210.0041, Insurance Code, as
11 added by this Act, not later than December 1, 2007.

12 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2007.