

1-1 By: Moody, et al. H.B. No. 4325
1-2 (Senate Sponsor - Hinojosa of Hidalgo)
1-3 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 6, 2025;
1-4 May 7, 2025, read first time and referred to Committee on
1-5 Jurisprudence; May 19, 2025, reported favorably by the following
1-6 vote: Yeas 5, Nays 0; May 19, 2025, sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE VOTE

1-8	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-9	X			
1-10	X			
1-11	X			
1-12	X			
1-13	X			

1-14 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-15 AN ACT

1-16 relating to civil liability for prohibited barratry.
1-17 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:
1-18 SECTION 1. Section 82.0651(d), Government Code, is amended
1-19 to read as follows:
1-20 (d) A person who prevails in an action under Subsection (c)
1-21 shall recover from each person who engaged in barratry:
1-22 (1) a penalty in the amount of \$50,000 [~~\$10,000~~];
1-23 (2) actual damages caused by the prohibited conduct;
1-24 and
1-25 (3) reasonable and necessary attorney's fees.
1-26 SECTION 2. Section 82.0651(d), Government Code, as amended
1-27 by this Act, applies only to an action filed on or after the
1-28 effective date of this Act. An action filed before the effective
1-29 date of this Act is governed by the law in effect on the date the
1-30 action was filed, and that law is continued in effect for that
1-31 purpose.
1-32 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.

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