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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the procedure for adoption by a state agency of rules that may have an adverse economic effect on small businesses and micro-businesses.

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

SECTION 1. Section 2006.002, Government Code, is amended by adding Subsection (h) to read as follows:

(h) If a state agency is made aware that a proposed rule may have an adverse economic effect on small businesses or micro-businesses after notice of the proposed rule has been published, the agency shall:

(1) prepare an economic impact statement and a regulatory flexibility analysis as required under Subsections (c) and (c-1);

(2) publish the statement and the analysis in the Texas Register as an amendment to the proposed rule; and

(3) provide a copy of the statement and the analysis to the standing committee of each house of the legislature charged with reviewing the proposed rule.

SECTION 2. The changes in law made by this Act to Section 2006.002, Government Code, apply only to a rule proposed by a state agency on or after the effective date of this Act. A rule proposed by a state agency before the effective date of this Act is governed by the law in effect on the date the rule was proposed, and the

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1 former law is continued in effect for that purpose.

2 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.