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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT

relating to mandatory sales price disclosure in real property sales; providing a civil penalty.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS: SECTION 1. Chapter 12, Property Code, is amended by adding Section 12.0013 to read as follows:

Sec. 12.0013. MANDATORY SALES PRICE DISCLOSURE. (a) A person may not file for record or have recorded in the county clerk's office an instrument conveying real property under a contract for sale unless the instrument discloses the sales price of the property.

- (b) The purchaser of any property for which an instrument is recorded in violation of Subsection (a) is liable to the state for a civil penalty for each violation in an amount equal to five percent of the sales price of the property.
- (c) The attorney general or the county or district attorney for the county in which the property is located may bring suit to recover a penalty under this section.
- (d) This section does not apply to an instrument conveying only a mineral interest in real property.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2019.