

## H.B. 179

# PRIVATE CAUSE OF ACTION FOR REFERRAL FEES

HOUSE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

AMENDMENT 1

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Representative **Nelson T. Abbott** proposes the following amendments:

1. *Page 1, Lines 14 through 17:*

14           ▶       creates a cause of action that may be brought against an attorney or a law firm to  
15 recover a referral fee that is paid to a person {~~who~~} that is not an attorney if the attorney or  
16 the law firm pays the referral fee for a client and fails to provide notice of the  
17 referral fee to the client;

2. *Page 2, Lines 35 through 40:*

35           (a) "Attorney" means an individual who is authorized to provide legal services in {~~this~~  
36 ~~state.~~} any state or territory of the United States.

37           (b) "Client" means {~~a person that~~} an individual who is provided legal services by an  
attorney or a law firm.

38           (c) "Client referral fee" means any amount paid by an attorney or a law firm to a person  
39 {~~who~~} that is not an attorney for the purpose of referring the client to receive legal services from the  
40 attorney.