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S.B. No. 1167

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to appeals in cases arising under the Federal Arbitration
3 Act.

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

5 SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 51, Civil Practice and
6 Remedies Code, is amended by adding Section 51.016 to read as
7 follows:

8 Sec. 51.016. APPEAL ARISING UNDER FEDERAL ARBITRATION ACT.

9 In a matter subject to the Federal Arbitration Act (9 U.S.C. Section
10 1 et seq.), a person may take an appeal or writ of error to the court
11 of appeals from the judgment or interlocutory order of a district
12 court, county court at law, or county court to the extent that
13 appeal is permitted by 9 U.S.C. Section 16.

14 SECTION 2. (a) Except as provided by this section, the
15 change in law made by this Act applies to an action filed on or after
16 the effective date of this Act or pending on the effective date of
17 this Act.

18 (b) The change in law made by this Act does not apply to the
19 appeal of an interlocutory order in an action pending on the
20 effective date of this Act if the appeal of the order is initiated
21 before the effective date of this Act.

22 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2007.