

BILL ANALYSIS

H.B. 1232

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Licensing & Administrative Procedures
Committee Report (Unamended)

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

Currently, there is some concern that the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission (TABC) cannot examine applications and requests for alcoholic beverage licenses and permits with the necessary attention and focus each application or request should receive. TABC also has difficulty processing each application or request for a license or permit in a timely manner.

Lengthening the expiration dates after the date of the original expiration date for alcoholic beverage licenses and permits while proportionally increasing fees for such licenses and permits would reduce the amount of paperwork for TABC while maintaining necessary revenue.

H.B. 1232 authorizes TABC to provide an expiration date for a class of permits that is two or more years after the date on which the permits would otherwise expire if the fee for the permit or license is increased proportionately.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

It is the opinion of the committee that rulemaking authority is expressly delegated to the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission in SECTION 1 (Section 11.09, Alcoholic Beverage Code) and SECTION 2 (Section 61.03, Alcoholic Beverage Code) of this bill.

ANALYSIS

The bill amends the Alcoholic Beverage Code to authorize the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission (TABC) to adopt rules that allows TABC to provide an expiration date for a class of permits that is two or more years after the date on which the permits would otherwise expire if the fee for the permit or license is increased proportionately

EFFECTIVE DATE

September 1, 2003.