

1-1 By: Craddick (Senate Sponsor - Perry) H.B. No. 492
 1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 5, 2017;
 1-3 May 8, 2017, read first time and referred to Committee on Health &
 1-4 Human Services; May 17, 2017, reported favorably by the following
 1-5 vote: Yeas 9, Nays 0; May 17, 2017, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-17 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-18 AN ACT

1-19 relating to a waiver for certain programs from youth camp
 1-20 licensing.

1-21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-22 SECTION 1. Chapter 141, Health and Safety Code, is amended
 1-23 by adding Section 141.0025 to read as follows:

1-24 Sec. 141.0025. WAIVER; APPEAL. (a) The department may
 1-25 grant a waiver from the requirements of this chapter to a program
 1-26 that:

1-27 (1) is sponsored by a religious organization as
 1-28 defined by Section 464.051;

1-29 (2) has been in operation for at least 30 consecutive
 1-30 years;

1-31 (3) operates one camp for not more than seven days in
 1-32 any year;

1-33 (4) has not more than 80 campers;

1-34 (5) is conducted by adult participants who are all
 1-35 volunteers;

1-36 (6) operates in a county with a population of at least
 1-37 4,400 but not more than 4,750; and

1-38 (7) ensures that background checks are conducted on
 1-39 and the training required under Section 141.0095 is completed by
 1-40 each adult participating in the program.

1-41 (b) A waiver granted by the department under Subsection (a)
 1-42 is valid until the waiver is revoked for cause by the department.

1-43 (c) A person who operates a program for which an application
 1-44 for a waiver under this section has been denied or for which a
 1-45 waiver under this section has been revoked may appeal the action in
 1-46 the manner provided for appeal of contested cases under Chapter
 1-47 2001, Government Code.

1-48 SECTION 2. As soon as practicable after the effective date
 1-49 of this Act, the executive commissioner of the Health and Human
 1-50 Services Commission shall adopt rules necessary to implement
 1-51 Section 141.0025, Health and Safety Code, as added by this Act.

1-52 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.

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