1-1 By: Heflin (Senate Sponsor - Armbrister)
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House July 11, 2003;
1-3 July 14, 2003, read first time and referred to Committee on
1-4 Finance; July 16, 2003, reported favorably by the following vote:
1-5 Yeas 12, Nays 0; July 16, 2003, sent to printer.)

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT

relating to appropriating the fees relating to the licensing and regulation of certain electricians collected by the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation or the Texas Commission of Licensing and Regulation under House Bill No. 1487, Acts of the 78th Legislature, Regular Session, 2003.

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

SECTION 1. (a) All fees collected during the state fiscal biennium beginning September 1, 2003, by the Department of Licensing and Regulation or the Commission of Licensing and Regulation under Chapter 1305, Occupations Code, as added by House Bill No. 1487, Acts of the 78th Legislature, Regular Session, 2003, or under Section 3, House Bill No. 1487, Acts of the 78th Legislature, Regular Session, 2003, are appropriated to the Department of Licensing and Regulation for the state fiscal biennium beginning September 1, 2003, for the purpose of administering Chapter 1305.

(b) Any increase in state employee benefit costs incurred during the state fiscal biennium beginning September 1, 2003, in connection with administering Chapter 1305, Occupations Code, as added by House Bill No. 1487, Acts of the 78th Legislature, Regular Session, 2003, shall be paid out of the appropriations made by Subsection (a) of this section and shall be allocated to the appropriate employee benefit appropriation items in accordance with applicable rules of the comptroller.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2003, if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary to take effect on

1-36 that date, this Act takes effect November 1, $200\overline{3}$.

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