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H.B. No. 24

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

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

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

8 SECTION 1. (a) All fees collected during the state fiscal  
9 biennium beginning September 1, 2003, by the Department of  
10 Licensing and Regulation or the Commission of Licensing and  
11 Regulation under Chapter 1305, Occupations Code, as added by House  
12 Bill No. 1487, Acts of the 78th Legislature, Regular Session, 2003,  
13 or under Section 3, House Bill No. 1487, Acts of the 78th  
14 Legislature, Regular Session, 2003, are appropriated to the  
15 Department of Licensing and Regulation for the purpose of  
16 administering Chapter 1305. The full-time equivalent position  
17 limitation established for the department in House Bill No. 1, Acts  
18 of the 78th Legislature, Regular Session, 2003 (the General  
19 Appropriations Act), is also increased by 32 for the state fiscal  
20 biennium beginning September 1, 2003, for that purpose.

21 (b) Any increase in state employee benefit costs incurred  
22 during the state fiscal biennium beginning September 1, 2003, in  
23 connection with administering Chapter 1305, Occupations Code, as  
24 added by House Bill No. 1487, Acts of the 78th Legislature, Regular

1 Session, 2003, shall be paid out of the appropriations made by  
2 Subsection (a) of this section and shall be allocated to the  
3 appropriate employee benefit appropriation items in accordance  
4 with applicable rules of the comptroller.

5 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
6 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
7 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
8 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
9 Act takes effect on the 91st day after the last day of the  
10 legislative session.