

1-1 By: Heflin (Senate Sponsor - Bivins) H.B. No. 24
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House September 17, 2003;
1-3 September 17, 2003, read first time and referred to Committee on
1-4 Finance; September 22, 2003, reported favorably by the following
1-5 vote: Yeas 10, Nays 0; September 22, 2003, sent to printer.)

1-6 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-7 AN ACT

1-8 relating to appropriating the fees relating to the licensing and
1-9 regulation of certain electricians collected by the Texas
1-10 Department of Licensing and Regulation or the Texas Commission of
1-11 Licensing and Regulation under House Bill No. 1487, Acts of the 78th
1-12 Legislature, Regular Session, 2003.

1-13 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-14 SECTION 1. (a) All fees collected during the state fiscal
1-15 biennium beginning September 1, 2003, by the Department of
1-16 Licensing and Regulation or the Commission of Licensing and
1-17 Regulation under Chapter 1305, Occupations Code, as added by House
1-18 Bill No. 1487, Acts of the 78th Legislature, Regular Session, 2003,
1-19 or under Section 3, House Bill No. 1487, Acts of the 78th
1-20 Legislature, Regular Session, 2003, are appropriated to the
1-21 Department of Licensing and Regulation for the purpose of
1-22 administering Chapter 1305. The full-time equivalent position
1-23 limitation established for the department in House Bill No. 1, Acts
1-24 of the 78th Legislature, Regular Session, 2003 (the General
1-25 Appropriations Act), is also increased by 32 for the state fiscal
1-26 biennium beginning September 1, 2003, for that purpose.

1-27 (b) Any increase in state employee benefit costs incurred
1-28 during the state fiscal biennium beginning September 1, 2003, in
1-29 connection with administering Chapter 1305, Occupations Code, as
1-30 added by House Bill No. 1487, Acts of the 78th Legislature, Regular
1-31 Session, 2003, shall be paid out of the appropriations made by
1-32 Subsection (a) of this section and shall be allocated to the
1-33 appropriate employee benefit appropriation items in accordance
1-34 with applicable rules of the comptroller.

1-35 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
1-36 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
1-37 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
1-38 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
1-39 Act takes effect on the 91st day after the last day of the
1-40 legislative session.

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