

BILL ANALYSIS

H.B. 2350
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Public Health
Committee Report (Unamended)

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

Current law for youth camp licensing, caps the amount that may be charged by the Texas Department of Health (TDH) for issuing a license and conducting inspections of youth camps. Residential youth camps are charged \$40 and day youth camps are charged \$25. Currently, the program does not generate sufficient fees to cover the operating costs. House Bill 2350 allows the Board of Health to set fees for Youth Camp licensees in an amount that will reasonably cover the direct and indirect cost of administering the program.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

It is the committee's opinion that rulemaking authority is expressly granted to the Texas Board of Health in SECTION 1 (Section 141.0035, Health and Safety Code) and in SECTION 4 of this bill

ANALYSIS

House Bill 2350 amends the Health and Safety Code to allow the Texas Board of Health to establish the fee for obtaining or renewing a license for a Youth Camp. The board may set fees in different amounts for resident youth camps and day youth camps to reflect the different costs of administering and enforcing licensing. H.B. 2350 requires the Board of Health to set both the license and license renewal fees.

The board is required to adopt rules to implement the changes in law made by this Act as soon as practicable. Until the new rules take effect, the Texas Department of Health will apply the current license and renewal fee as defined under Section 141.004 or 141.005, Health and Safety Code.

EFFECTIVE DATE

September 1, 2003.