

BILL ANALYSIS

S.B. 1356
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Public Health
Committee Report (Unamended)

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

Currently, the United States Department of Health and Human Services has not created a universal provider numbering system. S.B. 1356 changes the effective date of past state legislation in anticipation of federal action to create such a numbering system.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, department, agency, or institution.

ANALYSIS

Amends Chapter 1266, Section (2), Acts of the 76th Legislature, Regular Session, 1999, to require the director of the Department of Public Safety of the State of Texas (DPS) to adopt rules required by Section 481.003(b), Health and Safety Code, not earlier than the 180th day after, and not later than the first anniversary of, the date on which compliance with a rule adopted by the United States Department of Health and Human Services creating a universal provider numbering system takes effect, rather than January 1, 2003. Provides that a rule adopted by the director of DPS under this Act takes effect on adoption, rather than on January 1, 2003.

EFFECTIVE DATE

Upon passage, or, if the Act does not receive the necessary vote, the Act takes effect September 1, 2003.