

1-1 By: Armbrister S.B. No. 1251
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed March 12, 2003; March 19, 2003, read
1-3 first time and referred to Committee on Business and Commerce;
1-4 April 14, 2003, reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 9,
1-5 Nays 0; April 14, 2003, sent to printer.)

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

1-8 relating to agreements for the electronic processing of certain
1-9 licenses or permits.

1-10 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-11 SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 5, Alcoholic Beverage
1-12 Code, is amended by adding Section 5.55 to read as follows:

1-13 Sec. 5.55. AGREEMENTS FOR ELECTRONIC PROCESSING OF LICENSES
1-14 OR PERMITS. The commission or administrator may enter into an
1-15 agreement with another agency of this state to provide for the
1-16 issuance of original or renewal licenses or permits through the use
1-17 of electronic means, including use of the Internet, to facilitate
1-18 the licensing process. A reasonable service fee may be charged to
1-19 applicants who choose to use electronic or Internet service to
1-20 apply for original licenses or permits or to renew licenses or
1-21 permits, subject to other laws limiting or defining those fees;
1-22 provided, that no service fee may be charged by the commission or by
1-23 another agency to those applicants who choose not to utilize the
1-24 electronic or Internet method to apply for an original or a renewal
1-25 license or permit.

1-26 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2003.

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