

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

H.B. 119  
By: Pitts  
Appropriations  
Committee Report (Unamended)

### **BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE**

During the 79th Regular Session, the Texas Cosmetology Commission and the Texas Board of Barber Examiners were abolished and the functions of both agencies transferred to the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation (TDLR). After assuming control of both agencies, TDLR staff became aware of outstanding obligations owed to vendors and other state agencies for goods and services provided. TDLR was also notified by the Texas Building and Procurement Commission that the building previously housing the Cosmetology Commission and the Board of Barber Examiners had been sold, requiring a move out date of August 31, 2005.

House Bill 119 appropriates funds to TDLR and the Comptroller of Public Accounts to cover these outstanding costs.

### **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**

The following appropriations are made in addition to amounts previously appropriated for the state fiscal biennium ending August 31, 2007.

House Bill 119 appropriates the following amount to TDLR for the state fiscal biennium ending August 31, 2007, for the purpose of paying the costs of relocating the functions and operations of the former Cosmetology Commission and the former Board of Barber Examiners:

- \$213,527 out of the general revenue fund.

House Bill 119 appropriates the following amount to the Comptroller of Public Accounts for the state fiscal biennium ending August 31, 2007, for the purpose of paying obligations, including interest, accrued by the former Cosmetology Commission and the former Board of Barber Examiners:

- \$250,283 out of the general revenue fund.

House Bill 119 also sets forth guidelines for the payment of these obligations, including verification of a claim by TDLR, and approval by the Attorney General and the Comptroller of Public Accounts.

### **EFFECTIVE DATE**

On passage, or if the Act does not receive the necessary vote, the Act takes effect on the 91st day after adjournment.