

BILL ANALYSIS

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AUTHOR'S/SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

Due to the lack of zoning in Houston, neighborhoods frequently contain bars located in residential areas. The fees for original beer and wine permits and retail dealer's on-premises licenses are extremely low and do little to deter non-serious and irresponsible business owners from applying for permits.

H.B. 275 raises the fee for beer and wine permit and a retail dealer's on-premise license in counties of a certain population.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

This bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Section 25.02, Alcoholic Beverage Code, as follows:

Sec. 25.02. FEE. (a) Creates this subsection from existing text. Provides that the annual state fee for a wine and beer retailer's permit is \$175, except as provided by Subsection (b) or Section 25.03. Makes conforming and nonsubstantive changes.

(b) Sets forth the state fee for a wine and beer retailer's permit for a premises located in a county with a population of 1.4 million or more.

SECTION 2. Amends Section 69.02, Alcoholic Beverage Code, as follows:

Sec. 69.02. FEE. (a) Creates this subsection from existing text. Provides that, except as provided by Subsection (b) or in Section 69.03, the annual state fee for a retail dealer's on-premise license is \$150.

(b) Sets forth the state fee for a retail dealer's on-premise license for a premises located in a county with a population of 1.4 million or more.

SECTION 3. Makes application of this Act prospective.

SECTION 4. Effective date: September 1, 2005.