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H.B. No. 3206

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to fire regulations for certain small commercial structures.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. The heading to Chapter 791, Health and Safety Code, is amended to read as follows:

CHAPTER 791. FIRE ESCAPES AND OTHER
EMERGENCY EXITS

SECTION 2. Chapter 791, Health and Safety Code, is amended by adding Subchapter F to read as follows:

SUBCHAPTER F. OTHER EMERGENCY EXITS

Sec. 791.071. REGULATIONS REGARDING MINIMUM NUMBER OF EXITS. (a) A local governmental entity shall grant a variance or waiver from any fire regulation that requires a commercial structure or portion of a structure to have more than one exit if the structure or portion of the structure is 500 square feet or less.

(b) The enforcement provisions of Subchapter E do not apply to this section.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2005.