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TO: Honorable Tom Craddick, Speaker of the House, House of Representatives

FROM: John S. O'Brien, Deputy Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB1317 by Driver (Relating to the licensing and regulation of certain electricians.), **As Passed 2nd House**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The provisions of the bill amend the Occupations Code to require the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation (TDLR) to issue temporary electrical apprentice licenses and set the fee for temporary electrical apprentice licenses. The provisions of the bill allow for the issuance of a license without examination to an individual who was on active duty in the United States armed forces during the period of March 1, 2004, to June 1, 2004, submits an application and any other information no later than the 90th day after the date the individual is released or discharged from active duty in the armed forces, has the experience required for a license under this chapter, and pays the application fee. The bill would also require TDLR to issue a license without examination to an individual who holds a license to perform electrical work by a municipality that elects to discontinue the municipality's licensing program if the licensee held the municipal license for the preceding year and submits an application no later than the 90th day after the date the municipality stops issuing or renewing licenses. Based on TDLR's analysis, it is assumed that the provisions of the bill could be implemented using existing resources.

The bill would take effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If the bill does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, the bill would take effect September 1, 2005.

Local Government Impact

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

Source Agencies: 452 Department of Licensing and Regulation

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