

BILL ANALYSIS

H.B. 618
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Committee on Urban Affairs
Committee Report (Unamended)

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

Currently, the Fire Fighter and Law Enforcement or Security Officer Home Loan Program originally enacted by House Bill No. 1247 during the 78th Legislature, Regular Session, 2003, does not provide loans to emergency medical services personnel.

House Bill No. 618 would amend and expand eligibility requirements of the Fire Fighter and Law Enforcement or Security Officer Home Loan Program. It also changes the name of the program to the Fire Fighter, Law Enforcement or Security Officer, and Emergency Medical Services Personnel Home Loan Program and clarifies language from the 2003 legislation.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

It is the opinion of the committee that this bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a State officer, department, agency, or institution.

SECTION-BY-SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Would amend Section 2306.553, Government Code, as follows:

Sec. 2306.553 (a) Would add emergency medical services personnel to those who qualify for the home loan program as provided by Section 2306.5621.

SECTION 2. Would amend Section 2306.5621, Government Code, as follows:

Sec. 2306.5621. New heading: FIRE FIGHTER, LAW ENFORCEMENT OR SECURITY OFFICER, AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES PERSONNEL HOME LOAN PROGRAM. (a) Redefines "home" and "program." Defines "emergency medical services personnel." Makes conforming changes.

SECTION 3. Would amend Section 1372.0222, Government Code, to make conforming changes.

SECTION 4. Effective date.

EFFECTIVE DATE

This Act takes 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 this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, the Act takes effect on the 91st day after the last day of the legislative session.