

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

CSHB 2471  
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Committee Report (Substituted)

### **BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE**

The bedding statute in the Texas Health and Safety Code was created in 1939. Since then a number of revisions have been made, including the definition of bedding. At times, the Texas Department of State Health has treated furniture on the retail sales floor as secondhand bedding. The bedding statute defines secondhand bedding as having any previous use and is required to be germicidally cleaned before being sold.

CSHB 2471 clarifies that salesroom floor items used only for display purposes are new bedding, not secondhand bedding.

### **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**

CSHB 2471 amends the definition of "bedding," "new," and "secondhand," and defines "floor model" to mean new bedding placed in a retail sales area for display purposes.

### **EFFECTIVE DATE**

September 1, 2007.

### **COMPARISON OF ORIGINAL TO SUBSTITUTE**

The substitute modifies the original bill by amending the definition of "bedding."