

AN ACT

relating to a fee exemption under the Public Accountancy Act for accountants in this state who are employed by certain governmental entities.

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

SECTION 1. Section 901.410, Occupations Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 901.410. FEE EXEMPTION FOR CERTAIN LICENSE HOLDERS. The fee increase imposed under Section 901.406 and the additional fee imposed under Section 901.407 do not apply to a license holder who is:

(1) an employee of the federal government, the government of another state, or a municipal or county government of this state and who is restricted by virtue of that employment from engaging in the practice of public accountancy outside the scope of employment; or

(2) an employee of a state agency that has authorized the payment of the fee increase and additional fee for the license holder.

SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies to a fee under Section 901.406 or 901.407, Occupations Code, that becomes due on or after the effective date of this Act. A fee under those sections that becomes due before the effective date of this Act is governed by the law in effect on the date the fee becomes due,

1 and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose.

2 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
3 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
4 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
5 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
6 Act takes effect September 1, 2007.

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President of the Senate

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 1316 was passed by the House on April 13, 2007, by the following vote: Yeas 143, Nays 0, 2 present, not voting; and that the House concurred in Senate amendments to H.B. No. 1316 on May 23, 2007, by the following vote: Yeas 147, Nays 0, 1 present, not voting.

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Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 1316 was passed by the Senate, with amendments, on May 21, 2007, by the following vote: Yeas 30, Nays 1.

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Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

Date

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Governor