

Suspending limitations on conference committee
jurisdiction, H.B. No. 2458 (Cook of Navarro/Brimer)

By: Cook of Navarro

H.R. No. 2801

R E S O L U T I O N

1 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the State of
2 Texas, 80th Legislature, Regular Session, 2007, That House Rule 13,
3 Section 9(a), be suspended in part as provided by House Rule 13,
4 Section 9(f), to enable the conference committee appointed to
5 resolve the differences on House Bill 2458 (licensing and
6 regulation of structural pest control by the Department of
7 Agriculture and the abolition of the Texas Structural Pest Control
8 Board) to consider and take action on the following matters:

9 (1) House Rule 13, Sections 9(a)(3) and (4), are suspended
10 to permit the committee to add the following SECTION to the bill:

11 SECTION 1.02. Subchapter A, Chapter 1951, Occupations Code,
12 is amended by adding Section 1951.0021 to read as follows:

13 Sec. 1951.0021. STRUCTURAL PEST CONTROL SERVICE. The
14 Structural Pest Control Service is a service of the department
15 responsible for the regulation and licensing of persons engaged in
16 the business of structural pest control. The service is
17 established to provide exceptional customer service to the public
18 and the industry, enhance the educational and professional
19 standards of license holders, and ensure the health, safety, and
20 welfare of the public.

21 Explanation: The change is necessary to establish the
22 Structural Pest Control Service.

23 (2) House Rule 13, Sections 9(a)(3) and (4), are suspended
24 to permit the committee to change the text of SECTION 1.30 of the

1 bill by adding a new Subsection (h), Section 1951.254, Occupations
2 Code, to read as follows:

3 (h) The department shall make available a consumer and
4 industry telephone hotline to provide direct access to the
5 Structural Pest Control Service to ensure timely and efficient
6 assistance with industry and consumer needs.

7 Explanation: The change is necessary to establish a
8 telephone hotline to provide access to the Structural Pest Control
9 Service.

10 (3) House Rule 13, Sections 9(a)(3) and (4), are suspended
11 to permit the committee to add the following SECTION to the bill:

12 SECTION 1.46. Subchapter G, Chapter 1951, Occupations Code,
13 is amended by adding Section 1951.315 to read as follows:

14 Sec. 1951.315. CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS. The
15 department shall administer a mandatory continuing education
16 program for all license holders. Each license holder must comply
17 with the continuing education requirements established by
18 department rule in order to retain or renew a license.

19 Explanation: The change is necessary to provide for
20 continuing education for structural pest control license holders.