

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

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SENATE RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the State of Texas, 80th Legislature, Regular Session, 2007, That Senate Rule 12.03 be suspended in part as provided by Senate Rule 12.08 to enable the conference committee appointed to resolve the differences on House Bill No. 2458 (licensing and regulation of structural pest control by the Department of Agriculture and the abolition of the Texas Structural Pest Control Board) to consider and take action on the following matters:

(1) Senate Rules 12.03(3) and (4) are suspended to permit the committee to add the following SECTION to the bill:

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

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

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

(2) Senate Rules 12.03(3) and (4) are suspended to permit the committee to change the text of SECTION 1.30 of the bill by adding a new Subsection (h), Section 1951.254, Occupations Code, to read as follows:

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

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

(3) Senate Rules 12.03(3) and (4) are suspended to permit the committee to add the following SECTION to the bill:

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

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

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

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on May 25, 2007.

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Secretary of the Senate