

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

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### **AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT**

Currently, under existing statute, fire protection personnel, emergency medical services personnel, and certain law enforcement officers must renew their licenses and are required to complete and submit a renewal application. This process makes them provide their past history information from 10 to 15 to 20 years ago, but this information has already been provided to the state. This is a waste of state resources and tax dollars.

This bill eliminates the burden on the renewal applicant to continually resubmit information that has already been submitted to the state if the information is unchanged since the applicant's last application.

H.B. 846 amends current law relating to the license or certificate renewal process for emergency medical services personnel and certain law enforcement officers.

### **RULEMAKING AUTHORITY**

This bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

### **SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS**

SECTION 1. Amends Subchapter C, Chapter 773, Health and Safety Code, by adding Section 773.0415, as follows:

Sec. 773.0415. LIMITATION ON INFORMATION REQUIRED FOR CERTIFICATE RENEWAL. Provides that the requirements and procedures adopted by the Department of State Health Services (DSHS) for the renewal of a certificate to practice as emergency medical services personnel issued under this chapter:

- (1) may not require an applicant to provide unchanged criminal history information already included in one or more of the applicant's previous applications for certification or for certificate renewal filed with DSHS; and
- (2) may require the applicant to provide only information relevant to the period occurring since the date of the applicant's last application for certification or for certificate renewal, as applicable, including information relevant to any new requirement applicable to the certificate held by the applicant.

SECTION 2. Amends Subchapter G, Chapter 1701, Occupations Code, by adding Section 1701.317, as follows:

Sec. 1701.317. LIMITATION ON INFORMATION REQUIRED FOR LICENSE RENEWAL. Provides that the requirements and procedures adopted by the Commission on Law Enforcement Officer Standards and Education (TCLEOSE) for the renewal of a license issued under this chapter:

- (1) may not require an applicant to provide unchanged criminal history information already included in one or more of the applicant's previous applications for certification or for certificate renewal filed with TCLEOSE; and

(2) may require the applicant to provide only information relevant to the period occurring since the date of the applicant's last application for licensure or for license renewal, as applicable, including information relevant to any new requirement applicable to the license held by the applicant.

SECTION 3. Provides that Sections 773.0415, Health and Safety Code, and 1701.317, Occupations Code, as added by this Act, apply only to a license or certificate renewed on or after January 1, 2011.

SECTION 4. Effective date: September 1, 2009.