BILL ANALYSIS

H.B. 328 By: Guillen Ways & Means Committee Report (Unamended)

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

Current law requires the comptroller of public accounts to include a statement and a website link on each application for a state tax permit or license issued by the comptroller. Since passage of the law enacting this requirement, the Department of Information Resources has determined that website links ending in ".gov" instead of those ending in ".com" elicit better consumer feedback. In light of this discovery, the comptroller is now including a web address ending in ".gov," rather than ".com," with each permit or license application it issues. H.B. 328 reflects this change of website addresses.

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

H.B. 328 amends the Tax Code to change the website address referenced in a statement the comptroller of public accounts is required to include on each application for a state tax permit or license issued by the comptroller from http://www.TexasOnline.com/portal/tol/en/9/1 to http://www.Texas.gov.

EFFECTIVE DATE

September 1, 2011.

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