

BILL ANALYSIS

H.B. 1953
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Licensing & Administrative Procedures
Committee Report (Unamended)

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

Currently, an applicant for a permit or license for the on-premises consumption of alcoholic beverages for a location not previously permitted or licensed must post an outdoor sign at the location, stating certain information about the intention to serve alcoholic beverages on the premises, by the 60th day before the date the application is filed with the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission (TABC). According to certain sources, recent changes in the TABC procedures have streamlined the permitting process so that the current posting deadline no longer fits the process. H.B. 1953 aims to remedy this situation by changing the applicant's deadline for posting the sign to not later than the 60th day before the date the permit or license is issued.

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. 1953 amends the Alcoholic Beverage Code to change the date by which an applicant for an alcoholic beverage permit or license for a location not previously licensed for the on-premises consumption of alcoholic beverages is required to prominently post an outdoor sign at the location stating that alcoholic beverages are intended to be served on the premises, the type of permit or license, and the name and business address of the applicant. The bill changes that date from not later than the 60th day before the date the application is filed to not later than the 60th day before the date the permit or license is issued. The bill makes nonsubstantive changes.

EFFECTIVE DATE

September 1, 2011.