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H.B. No. 2130

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the display of owner information on and taxes and fees applicable to certain coin-operated machines.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Subchapter D, Chapter 2153, Occupations Code, is amended by adding Section 2153.1591 to read as follows:

Sec. 2153.1591. DISPLAY OF OWNER INFORMATION. An owner of a coin-operated machine subject to this chapter shall prominently display the owner's name, address, and phone number on each coin-operated machine exhibited or displayed in this state.

SECTION 2. Section 2153.451(b), Occupations Code, is amended to read as follows:

(b) As provided by Section 1(f), Article VIII, Texas Constitution, the ~~[The]~~ rate of the tax may not exceed one-half ~~[one-fourth]~~ of the rate of the tax imposed under Section 2153.401.

SECTION 3. Section 2153.453, Occupations Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 2153.453. SEALING AUTHORIZED; RELEASE FEE. A county or municipality that imposes an occupation tax on a coin-operated machine may:

(1) seal a coin-operated machine if the tax imposed is not paid; and

(2) charge a fee of not more than \$15 ~~[\$5]~~ for the release of a sealed coin-operated machine.

1 SECTION 4. Section 2153.403, Occupations Code, is repealed.

2 SECTION 5. Notwithstanding Section 2153.1591, Occupations
3 Code, as added by this Act, the owner of a coin-operated machine is
4 not required to comply with that section until January 1, 2012.

5 SECTION 6. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
6 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
7 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
8 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
9 Act takes effect September 1, 2011.