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H.B. No. 3567

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the composition of the structural pest control advisory committee.

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

SECTION 1. Section 1951.101(a), Occupations Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) The committee consists of nine members appointed by the commissioner as follows:

~~(1) [two members who are experts in structural pest control application,~~

~~(2)]~~ three members who represent the public;

~~(2) three members [(3) one member from an institution of higher education who is knowledgeable in the science of pests and pest control,~~

~~[(4) one member]~~ who represent ~~[represents]~~ the interests of structural pest control operators and who are ~~[is]~~ appointed based on recommendations provided by a trade association of operators; and

(3) three members [(5) one member] who represent ~~[represents]~~ the interests of structural pest control operators and who are experienced in the area of integrated pest management programs in schools ~~[consumers, and~~

~~[(6) the commissioner of state health services or the commissioner's designee].~~

1 SECTION 2. Section 1951.103(b), Occupations Code, is
2 amended to read as follows:

3 (b) A person may not be a member of the committee if:

4 (1) the person is an officer, employee, or paid
5 consultant of a Texas trade association in the field of pest control
6 except as provided by Section 1951.101(a)(2) [~~1951.101(a)(4)~~]; or

7 (2) the person's spouse is an officer, manager, or paid
8 consultant of a Texas trade association in the field of pest
9 control.

10 SECTION 3. Section 1951.101(c), Occupations Code, is
11 repealed.

12 SECTION 4. The changes in law made by this Act in the
13 qualifications of members of the structural pest control advisory
14 committee do not affect the entitlement of a member serving on the
15 committee immediately before the effective date of this Act to
16 continue to serve for the remainder of the member's term. As the
17 terms of committee members expire, the commissioner of agriculture
18 shall appoint or reappoint a member who has the qualifications
19 required for a member under Section 1951.101(a), Occupations Code,
20 as amended by this Act.

21 SECTION 5. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
22 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
23 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
24 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
25 Act takes effect September 1, 2013.