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H.B. No. 3714

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the creation of the small business advisory task force.

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

SECTION 1. Title 99, Business & Commerce Code, is amended by adding Chapter 2005 to read as follows:

CHAPTER 2005. SMALL BUSINESS ADVISORY TASK FORCE

SUBCHAPTER A. GENERAL PROVISIONS

Sec. 2005.001. DEFINITIONS. In this chapter:

(1) "Small business" means a business that employs at least 25 but not more than 250 individuals.

(2) "Task force" means the small business advisory task force.

SUBCHAPTER B. TASK FORCE

Sec. 2005.051. APPOINTMENT. The small business advisory task force is composed of seven members appointed as follows:

(1) two members who are not owners or representatives of owners of small businesses, selected by the governor to represent the public;

(2) three members who are owners or who represent owners of small businesses, selected by the speaker of the house of representatives; and

(3) two members who are owners or who represent owners of small businesses, selected by the lieutenant governor.

Sec. 2005.052. TERMS. The members of the task force serve a

1 term of two years and may be reappointed to the task force for
2 additional terms.

3 SUBCHAPTER C. POWERS AND DUTIES

4 Sec. 2005.101. DUTIES OF TASK FORCE. The task force shall
5 make available to small businesses in a form and manner that is
6 understandable to the layperson information applicable to small
7 businesses regarding:

- 8 (1) environmental permitting and compliance;
9 (2) local regulation, including construction
10 permitting;
11 (3) the duties of the comptroller as they relate to
12 small businesses;
13 (4) tax laws; and
14 (5) the formation of business entities.

15 Sec. 2005.102. RULES. The task force may adopt rules
16 reasonably necessary to implement this chapter.

17 SECTION 2. As soon as practicable after the effective date
18 of this Act, the governor, the lieutenant governor, and the speaker
19 of the house of representatives shall appoint the members of the
20 small business advisory task force as required by Section 2005.051,
21 Business & Commerce Code, as added by this Act.

22 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
23 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
24 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
25 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
26 Act takes effect September 1, 2013.