

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

H.B. 785  
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Committee Report (Unamended)

### **BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE**

It has been noted that the legislature recently provided certain counties the necessary authority to regulate game rooms, with the intention of promoting public health, safety, and welfare. Based on the reported success of that regulatory authority, interested parties assert that such authority should be provided to other counties. H.B. 785 seeks to continue the strides made in game room regulation.

### **CRIMINAL JUSTICE IMPACT**

It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly create a criminal offense, increase the punishment for an existing criminal offense or category of offenses, or change the eligibility of a person for community supervision, parole, or mandatory supervision.

### **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. 785 amends Section 234.132, Local Government Code, as added by Chapter 1284 (H.B. 2123), Acts of the 83rd Legislature, Regular Session, 2013, to expand the applicability of statutory provisions relating to the regulation of game rooms in certain counties to include a county that has a population of 550,000 or more and is adjacent to a county that has a population of four million or more.

H.B. 785 repeals Subchapter E, Chapter 234, Local Government Code, as added by Chapter 1377 (H.B. 1127), Acts of the 83rd Legislature, Regular Session, 2013.

### **EFFECTIVE DATE**

September 1, 2015.