

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

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H.B. 2007  
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### **AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT**

Interested parties note that certain counties that have opted to regulate junkyards or automotive wrecking and salvage yards can only recover a fee of \$25 for the issuance or renewal of a license. These parties believe this fee amount to be inadequate to cover the cost of the administration of a viable wrecking and salvage yard enforcement program, especially in geographically large counties. H.B. 2007 seeks to remedy this situation.

H.B. 2007 amends current law relating to fees imposed by a county for licensing a junkyard or automotive wrecking and salvage yard.

### **RULEMAKING AUTHORITY**

This bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

### **SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS**

SECTION 1. Amends Section 396.041(c), Transportation Code, as follows:

(c) Authorizes an ordinance to:

(1) impose a fee for the issuance or renewal of a license in an amount:

(A) of \$25, if the ordinance is adopted by the commissioners court of a county not described by Paragraph (B), (C), or (D);

(B) of not more than \$150, if the ordinance is adopted by the commissioners court of a county with a population of one million or more that contains two or more municipalities, each of which has a population of 250,000 or more;

(C) of not more than \$500, if the ordinance is adopted by the commissioners court of a county with a population of 3.3 million or more; or

(D) necessary to pay for the administration and enforcement of the ordinance, but not to exceed \$150, if the ordinance is adopted by the commissioners court of a county located on the Texas-Mexico border that has a population of less than 300,000 and contains one or more municipalities with a population of 200,000 or more;

(2) condition the license on the operation of the junkyard or automotive wrecking and salvage yard only at a location approved by the commissioners court; or

(3) establish grounds for suspending or revoking a license if the junkyard or automotive wrecking and salvage yard is not screened.

Deletes existing text authorizing an ordinance to impose a fee of \$25 for the issuance or renewal of a license, authorizing an ordinance to impose a fee of not more than \$150 for the issuance or renewal of a license, if the ordinance is adopted by the commissioners court of a county with a population of one million or more that contains two or more municipalities, each of which has a population of 250,000 or more, or \$500 for the issuance or renewal of a license if the ordinance is adopted by the commissioners court of a county with a population of 3.3 million or more. Makes nonsubstantive changes.

SECTION 2. Effective date: September 1, 2015.