

1-1 By: Eltife S.B. No. 700
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed February 23, 2015; February 25, 2015,
1-3 read first time and referred to Committee on Business and Commerce;
1-4 March 23, 2015, reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 9,
1-5 Nays 0; March 23, 2015, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

| | Yea | Nay | Absent | PNV |
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1-17 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-18 AN ACT

1-19 relating to the use of electronic processes by and electronic
1-20 information submitted to the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission;
1-21 authorizing a fee.

1-22 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-23 SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 5, Alcoholic Beverage
1-24 Code, is amended by adding Section 5.321 to read as follows:

1-25 Sec. 5.321. ELECTRONIC SIGNATURES. Any electronic
1-26 information, record, or other document, including an application,
1-27 submitted to the commission that has an electronic signature with
1-28 the required specific identifiers of the signatory has the same
1-29 force and effect as a manual signature before a notary public and is
1-30 considered a sworn statement for purposes of Section 101.69,
1-31 notwithstanding any other law.

1-32 SECTION 2. Section 5.55, Alcoholic Beverage Code, is
1-33 amended to read as follows:

1-34 Sec. 5.55. ELECTRONIC PROCESSING OF LICENSES, ~~[OR]~~ PERMITS,
1-35 AND CERTIFICATES. (a) The commission shall expedite the
1-36 processing of original and renewal applications for licenses, ~~[and]~~
1-37 permits, and certificates by using electronic means, including the
1-38 Internet.

1-39 (b) The commission or administrator may enter into an
1-40 agreement with another agency of this state to provide for the
1-41 issuance of original or renewal licenses, ~~[or]~~ permits, or
1-42 certificates through the use of electronic means, including use of
1-43 the Internet, to facilitate the licensing process.

1-44 (c) A reasonable service fee may be charged to applicants
1-45 who choose to use electronic or Internet service to apply for
1-46 original or renewal licenses, ~~[or]~~ permits, or certificates ~~[or to~~
1-47 ~~renew licenses or permits]~~, subject to other laws limiting or
1-48 defining those fees; provided, that no service fee may be charged by
1-49 the commission or by another agency to those applicants who choose
1-50 not to utilize the electronic or Internet method to apply for an
1-51 original or a renewal license, ~~[or]~~ permit, or certificate.

1-52 SECTION 3. Section 5.321, Alcoholic Beverage Code, as added
1-53 by this Act, applies only to a document submitted to the Texas
1-54 Alcoholic Beverage Commission on or after the effective date of
1-55 this Act.

1-56 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.

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