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| BILL ANALYSIS |

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| H.B. 2278 |
| By: Phillips |
| Licensing & Administrative Procedures |
| Committee Report (Unamended) |

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| **BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE**  Interested parties contend that restrictions on the ability of a distiller's agent's permit holder to solicit business from a restaurant, bar, or private club are too burdensome. H.B. 2278 seeks to provide Texas distilleries increased opportunities to introduce products to the public by repealing a provision relating to those restrictions. |
| **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. 2278 repeals Section 15.04, Alcoholic Beverage Code, which prohibits a holder of a distiller's agent's permit from soliciting business directly or indirectly from a holder of a mixed beverage permit or a private club registration permit unless the distiller's agent is accompanied by the holder of a wholesaler's permit or the wholesaler's agent. |
| **EFFECTIVE DATE**  September 1, 2017. |