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| BILL ANALYSIS |

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| C.S.H.B. 3329 |
| By: Paddie |
| Licensing & Administrative Procedures |
| Committee Report (Substituted) |

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| **BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE**  Interested parties note that while the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation charges electricians a state licensing fee, municipalities frequently charge electricians a fee to register the license with the municipality. These parties contend that fee redundancies create a financial burden for electricians and can create difficulties each time an electrician has the opportunity to expand his or her business to a new area. C.S.H.B. 3329 seeks to ease such a burden by prohibiting a municipality or region from collecting a fee from a state-licensed electrician for work performed in the municipality or region. |
| **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**  C.S.H.B. 3329 amends the Occupations Code to prohibit a municipality or region from collecting a permit fee, registration fee, administrative fee, or any other fee from an electrician who holds a license issued under the Texas Electrical Safety and Licensing Act for work performed in the municipality or region. The bill expressly does not prohibit a municipality or region from collecting a building permit fee. |
| **EFFECTIVE DATE**  September 1, 2017. |
| **COMPARISON OF ORIGINAL AND SUBSTITUTE**  While C.S.H.B. 3329 may differ from the original in minor or nonsubstantive ways, the following comparison is organized and formatted in a manner that indicates the substantial differences between the introduced and committee substitute versions of the bill. |
| | INTRODUCED | HOUSE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE | | --- | --- | | SECTION 1. Section 1305.201, Occupations Code, is amended by amending Subsection (a) and adding Subsection (f) to read as follows:  (a) This chapter does not prohibit a municipality or region from regulating electricians or residential appliance installers by:  (1) enacting an ordinance requiring inspections;  (2) offering examinations;  (3) issuing municipal or regional licenses; or  (4) collecting permit fees for municipal or regional licenses and examinations from [~~electricians and~~] appliance installers for work performed in the municipality or region.  (f) A municipality or region may not collect a permit fee, registration fee, administrative fee, or any other fee from an electrician who holds a license issued under this chapter for work performed in the municipality or region. | SECTION 1. Section 1305.201, Occupations Code, is amended by amending Subsection (a) and adding Subsection (f) to read as follows:  (a) This chapter does not prohibit a municipality or region from regulating electricians or residential appliance installers by:  (1) enacting an ordinance requiring inspections;  (2) offering examinations;  (3) issuing municipal or regional licenses; or  (4) collecting permit fees for municipal or regional licenses and examinations from [~~electricians and~~] appliance installers for work performed in the municipality or region.  (f) A municipality or region may not collect a permit fee, registration fee, administrative fee, or any other fee from an electrician who holds a license issued under this chapter for work performed in the municipality or region. This subsection does not prohibit a municipality or region from collecting a building permit fee. | | SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017. | SECTION 2. Same as introduced version. | |