

BILL ANALYSIS

H.B. 1099
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Committee Report (Unamended)

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

Interested parties are concerned that a residential tenant's right to summon police or other emergency assistance is too limited. H.B. 1099 seeks to prohibit landlords from taking certain actions to interfere with such a right so long as the tenant reasonably believes that an individual is in need of such assistance.

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. 1099 amends the Property Code to expand the circumstances under which a residential tenant's right to summon police or other emergency assistance is protected against certain actions of a landlord from a tenant summoning such assistance in response to family violence to a tenant summoning such assistance based on the tenant's reasonable belief that an individual is in need of intervention or emergency assistance.

H.B. 1099 repeals Section 92.015(e), Property Code.

EFFECTIVE DATE

September 1, 2017.