

BILL ANALYSIS

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AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

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 content 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. H.B. 3329 eases 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.

H.B. 3329 amends current law relating to regulation of electricians by local governments.

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 1305.201, Occupations Code, by amending Subsection (a) and adding Subsection (f), as follows:

(a) Deletes collecting permit fees for municipal or regional licenses and examinations from electricians for certain work from actions taken by a municipality or region to regulate electricians that are not prohibited by this chapter (Electricians).

(f) Prohibits 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 this chapter for work performed in the municipality or region. Provides that this subsection does not prohibit a municipality or region from collecting a building permit fee.

SECTION 2. Effective date: September 1, 2017.