

BILL ANALYSIS

H.B. 3453
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Licensing & Administrative Procedures
Committee Report (Unamended)

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

Interested parties note that some counties have the authority to regulate certain aspects of game rooms and assert that this authority offers greater protection to promote the public health, safety, and welfare of residents in those counties and would similarly benefit other counties. H.B. 3453 seeks to extend this authority to regulate game rooms to a county that is located in the Permian Basin within 25 miles of Texas' border with another state of the United States and has a population of more than 130,000.

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. 3453 amends the Local Government Code to include among the counties to which statutory provisions governing county regulation of game rooms apply a county that is located in the Permian Basin within 25 miles of Texas' border with another state of the United States and has a population of more than 130,000.

EFFECTIVE DATE

On passage, or, if the bill does not receive the necessary vote, September 1, 2017.