

BILL ANALYSIS

S.B. 1969
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Licensing & Administrative Procedures
Committee Report (Unamended)

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

The Texas Legislative Council is required by law to carry out a nonsubstantive revision of the Texas statutes in an effort to make the statutes more accessible, understandable, and usable without altering the sense, meaning, or effect of the law. S.B. 1969 seeks to provide such a revision by codifying the Texas Racing Act.

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

S.B. 1969 amends the Occupations Code to codify the Texas Racing Act (Article 179e, Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes) as Subtitle A-1, Title 13, Occupations Code.

S.B. 1969 amends the Alcoholic Beverage Code, Business Organizations Code, Education Code, Government Code, Health and Safety Code, Occupations Code, Penal Code, and Tax Code to update cross-references in those codes to reflect the codification of the Texas Racing Act and to make a technical correction.

S.B. 1969 repeals provisions of the Texas Racing Act that are being codified by the bill. The bill is enacted under constitutional provisions relating to the revision of laws and is intended as a recodification only. The bill establishes that no substantive change in law is intended by the bill.

S.B. 1969 repeals the following provisions of the Texas Racing Act (Article 179e, Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes):

- Articles 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9, 9A, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, and 18
- Sections 6.01, 6.02, 6.03, 6.031, 6.032, 6.04, 6.06, 6.0601, 6.0602, 6.0603, 6.061, 6.062, 6.063, 6.07, 6.08, 6.09, 6.091, 6.092, 6.093, 6.10, 6.11, 6.12, 6.13, 6.14, 6.15, 6.16, 6.17, and 6.18

EFFECTIVE DATE

April 1, 2019.