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H.B. No. 492

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to a waiver for certain programs from youth camp licensing.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Chapter 141, Health and Safety Code, is amended by adding Section 141.0025 to read as follows:

Sec. 141.0025. WAIVER; APPEAL. (a) The department may grant a waiver from the requirements of this chapter to a program that:

(1) is sponsored by a religious organization as defined by Section 464.051;

(2) has been in operation for at least 30 consecutive years;

(3) operates one camp for not more than seven days in any year;

(4) has not more than 80 campers;

(5) is conducted by adult participants who are all volunteers;

(6) operates in a county with a population of at least 4,400 but not more than 4,750; and

(7) ensures that background checks are conducted on and the training required under Section 141.0095 is completed by each adult participating in the program.

(b) A waiver granted by the department under Subsection (a)

1 is valid until the waiver is revoked for cause by the department.

2 (c) A person who operates a program for which an application  
3 for a waiver under this section has been denied or for which a  
4 waiver under this section has been revoked may appeal the action in  
5 the manner provided for appeal of contested cases under Chapter  
6 [2001](#), Government Code.

7 SECTION 2. As soon as practicable after the effective date  
8 of this Act, the executive commissioner of the Health and Human  
9 Services Commission shall adopt rules necessary to implement  
10 Section 141.0025, Health and Safety Code, as added by this Act.

11 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.