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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 years;

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

(4) ensures that background checks are conducted on all adults participating in the program; and

(5) conducts all camp activities in accordance with guidelines published by a national organization specializing in the operation of youth camps.

(b) A waiver granted by the department under Subsection (a) is valid until the waiver is revoked for cause by the department.

(c) A person who operates a program for which an application for a waiver under this section has been denied or for which a waiver under this section has been revoked may appeal the action in

1 the manner provided for appeal of contested cases under Chapter  
2 2001, Government Code.

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

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