

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Pest control businesses incur many costs to comply
2 with Texas Department of Agriculture regulations; and

3 WHEREAS, In a single year, a two-person pest control
4 operation will easily spend more than \$3,000 on compliance costs;
5 for instance, a business with a Certified Applicator and an
6 apprentice working toward technician status would need to pay not
7 only for the appropriate licenses but also for classes, liability
8 insurance, inspections, recordkeeping, criminal background checks,
9 and other requirements; and

10 WHEREAS, Businesses that do not comply with TDA regulations
11 can expect to incur much lower expenses than those that do;
12 scofflaws may receive a mere warning, and if they do receive a
13 penalty for operating without a license or without insurance, the
14 amount will likely prove less than the cost of meeting
15 requirements; moreover, the final penalty may be lowered further or
16 not collected at all; and

17 WHEREAS, Failure to enforce regulations provides incentives
18 for businesses to ignore the law, raising public health and safety
19 concerns and creating a competitive advantage for such businesses;
20 in order to ensure compliance and level the playing field,
21 regulations and enforcement policies must be more effective and
22 better aligned; now, therefore, be it

23 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas
24 Legislature hereby request the speaker to direct the House

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1 Agriculture and Livestock Committee to conduct an interim study
2 reviewing the rules, regulations, and enforcement authority of the
3 Texas Department of Agriculture's Structural Pest Control Service;
4 and, be it further

5 RESOLVED, That the committee submit a full report, including
6 its findings and recommendations, to the House of Representatives
7 of the 86th Texas Legislature before it convenes in January 2019.

King of Uvalde

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 2042 was adopted by the House on May 24, 2017, by the following vote: Yeas 143, Nays 2, 2 present, not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House