

BILL ANALYSIS

H.B. 1443
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Licensing & Administrative Procedures
Committee Report (Unamended)

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

Concerns have been raised regarding the lack of guidance relating to the time frame in which a city or county must provide a certification on the wet or dry status of a location for which an alcohol permit or license application is submitted. H.B. 1443 seeks to address these concerns by setting a deadline for completion of the local certification process.

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. 1443 amends the Alcoholic Beverage Code to set a deadline by which the clerk of the county or the secretary or clerk of the city in which a prospective applicant for a permit or license to sell alcoholic beverages makes a request for certification must respond to such a request about whether the location or address given in the request is in a wet area and whether the sale of alcoholic beverages for which the permit or license is sought is applicably prohibited. The deadline is set at not later than the 30th day after the date a prospective applicant for the permit or license requests certification.

EFFECTIVE DATE

September 1, 2019.