H.B. No. 2755

AN ACT

relating to certain county and public health district fees.

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

SECTION 1.  Section 437.012(b), Health and Safety Code, is amended to read as follows:

(b)  The [~~Except as provided by Subsection (f), the~~] fee charged by a county or public health district for issuing or renewing a permit may not exceed the amount necessary to recover the county's or district's cost under Subsection (d) [~~$150~~].

SECTION 2.  Section 437.0123(b), Health and Safety Code, is amended to read as follows:

(b)  A county or public health district that requires payment of a fee under Subsection (a) shall set the fee in an amount that does not exceed the amount necessary [~~allows the county or district~~] to recover [~~at least 50 percent of~~] the annual expenditures by the county or district for:

(1)  reviewing and acting on a permit;

(2)  amending and renewing a permit; [~~and~~]

(3)  inspecting a facility as provided by this chapter and rules adopted under this chapter; and

(4)  otherwise administering this chapter and rules adopted under this chapter.

SECTION 3.  Chapter 437, Health and Safety Code, is amended by adding Section 437.0124 to read as follows:

Sec. 437.0124.  COUNTY AND PUBLIC HEALTH DISTRICT FEE SCHEDULE. A county or public health district shall establish a fee schedule for any fees collected under this chapter and revise the fee schedule as necessary.

SECTION 4.  The following laws are repealed:

(1)  Sections 437.012(g) and (h), Health and Safety Code; and

(2)  Section 437.0123(c), Health and Safety Code.

SECTION 5.  This Act takes effect September 1, 2019.

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    President of the Senate Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 2755 was passed by the House on April 16, 2019, by the following vote:  Yeas 126, Nays 10, 1 present, not voting.

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Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 2755 was passed by the Senate on May 19, 2019, by the following vote:  Yeas 22, Nays 9.

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Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED:  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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