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H.B. No. 3193

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to the licensing of a home and community support services  
3 agency; increasing fees.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 142.006(b), Health and Safety Code, is  
6 amended to read as follows:

7 (b) A license issued under this chapter expires three [~~two~~]  
8 years after the date of issuance. The executive commissioner by  
9 rule may adopt a system under which licenses expire on various dates  
10 during the three-year [~~two-year~~] period. For the year in which a  
11 license expiration date is changed, the department shall prorate  
12 the license fee on a monthly basis. Each license holder shall pay  
13 only that portion of the license fee allocable to the number of  
14 months for which the license is valid. A license holder shall pay  
15 the total license renewal fee at the time of renewal. The  
16 department may issue an initial license for a shorter term to  
17 conform expiration dates for a locality or an applicant. The  
18 department may issue a temporary license to an applicant for an  
19 initial license.

20 SECTION 2. Section 142.010(a), Health and Safety Code, is  
21 amended to read as follows:

22 (a) The executive commissioner by rule shall set license  
23 fees for home and community support services agencies in amounts  
24 that are reasonable to meet the costs of administering this

1 chapter, except that the fees may not be less than \$600 or more than  
2 \$2,625 [~~\$2,000~~] for a license to provide home health, hospice,  
3 habilitation, or personal assistance services.

4 SECTION 3. As soon as practicable after the effective date  
5 of this Act, the executive commissioner of the Health and Human  
6 Services Commission shall adopt rules necessary to implement the  
7 changes in law made by this Act.

8 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2019.