BILL ANALYSIS

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AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

This is a Texas Department of Insurance biennial recommendation bill that would allow the state fire marshal's office to sell retail fire works permits online.

H.B. 2267 amends current law relating to the sale and purchase of retail fireworks permits from an Internet website.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

This bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Section 2154.202(c), Occupations Code, as follows:

(c) Requires the commissioner of insurance of Texas (commissioner) to provide for the sale of a retail fireworks permit through an Internet website. Authorizes a person to purchase a permit on the website. Requires the Texas Department of Insurance (TDI) to post a link to the website on TDI's Internet website. Deletes existing text authorizing a retail fireworks permit to be purchased from a licensed manufacturer, distributor, or jobber or from the state fire marshal's office.

SECTION 2. Repealer: Sections 2154.202(d) (relating to authorizing a licensed manufacturer, distributor, or jobber to obtain retail fireworks permits from the commissioner) and (f) (relating to authorizing an outdated permit to be exchanged for a current permit only in the year following the permit's expiration), Occupations Code.

SECTION 3. Effective date: September 1, 2021.