

**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD**  
**Austin, Texas**

**FISCAL NOTE, 87TH LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION**

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**TO:** Honorable Chris Turner, Chair, House Committee on Business & Industry

**FROM:** Jerry McGinty, Director, Legislative Budget Board

**IN RE: HB1826** by Martinez Fischer (Relating to the deceptive trade practice of charging exorbitant or excessive prices for necessities during a declared disaster.), **As Introduced**

<p><b>No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.</b></p>
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The bill adds "disinfectant cleaning supplies" and "personal protective equipment" to the list of items subject to protection under the Deceptive Trade Practices Act.

According to the Office of Court Administration and the Office of the Attorney General, the costs to implement the provisions of the bill could be absorbed within existing resources.

According to the Comptroller's Office the fiscal impact of the bill cannot be determined, as the number of cases of noncompliance that would result in penalty revenue is unknown.

**Local Government Impact**

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

**Source Agencies:** 212 Office of Court Admin, 302 Office of the Attorney General, 304 Comptroller of Public Accounts

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