

Amend CSSB 1646 (senate committee report) as follows:

(1) In SECTION 1.07 of the bill, in added Section 71.02(a)(21), Penal Code (page 4), strike lines 51 through 53 and substitute the following:

(21) [20] an offense under:

(A) Section 31.21 that is punishable under Subsection (d) of that section; or

(B) Section 31.22 that is punishable under Subsection (e) of that section;

(2) In SECTION 2.01 of the bill, immediately following added Section 1956.018(b), Occupations Code (page 5, between lines 9 and 10), insert the following:

(c) For purposes of developing the educational and training materials under Subsection (a), the representatives described by Subsection (b)(3) shall provide examples to the department of copper or brass material as defined by Section 1956.131.

(3) In SECTION 2.02 of the bill, in added Section 1956.131, Occupations Code (page 5), strike line 16 and substitute the following:
does not include:

(1) the material described by Section 1956.001(4)(B) or (C); or

(2) common household insulated or noninsulated copper wire or cable.

(4) In SECTION 2.02 of the bill:

(A) in added Section 1956.133(1)(I), Occupations Code (page 5, line 56), strike "i or" and substitute "i and"; and

(B) in added Section 1956.133(2), Occupations Code (page 5, line 58), strike "who".

(5) In SECTION 2.02 of the bill, in added Section 1956.134(b)(1), Occupations Code (page 5, line 68), strike "volume" and substitute "weight".

(6) Add the following appropriately numbered SECTIONS to Article 2 of the bill and renumber the SECTIONS of the article accordingly:

SECTION 2.____. Section 1956.001(4), Occupations Code, is amended to read as follows:

(4) "Copper or brass material" means:

(A) a power inverter, bus bar, or insulated or noninsulated copper wire or cable that contains copper or an alloy of copper or zinc and is of the type used by:

(i) a public utility or common carrier;

(ii) a telecommunications provider as defined by Section 51.002, Utilities Code;

(iii) a cable service provider as defined by Section 66.002, Utilities Code; or

(iv) a video service provider as defined by Section 66.002, Utilities Code;

(B) a copper or brass item of a type commonly used in construction or by:

(i) a public utility;

(ii) a telecommunications provider as defined by Section 51.002, Utilities Code;

(iii) a cable service provider as defined by Section 66.002, Utilities Code; or

(iv) a video service provider as defined by Section 66.002, Utilities Code; or

(C) copper pipe or copper tubing.

SECTION 2.____. Subchapter A-1, Chapter 1956, Occupations Code, is amended by adding Section 1956.019 to read as follows:

Sec. 1956.019. STUDY ON EFFECT OF REGULATIONS ON INCIDENTS OF THEFT OF REGULATED MATERIAL. (a) At least once every three years, the department shall conduct a study on:

(1) the effect that the implementation of Subchapter C-2 and similar laws has had on the incidents of theft of regulated material, particularly copper or brass material; and

(2) the manner and extent to which metal recycling entities are coordinating and cooperating with law enforcement agencies and prosecutors to assist in preventing and prosecuting that theft.

(b) The department shall make available on the department's publicly accessible Internet website a written report on the study conducted under Subsection (a).

(7) Add the following appropriately numbered SECTION to

Article 3 of the bill and renumber the SECTIONS of the article accordingly:

SECTION 3.____. Not later than September 1, 2028, the Department of Public Safety of the State of Texas shall complete the initial study required by Section 1956.019, Occupations Code, as added by this Act.