

BILL ANALYSIS

C.S.H.B. 4285
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Licensing & Administrative Procedures
Committee Report (Substituted)

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

Under current law, commercial airlines with a passenger transportation permit issued under the Alcoholic Beverage Code may store alcoholic beverages the airline has purchased only within the airports that the airline regularly services. The bill author has informed the committee that most airline companies utilize third-party logistics companies for the warehousing and stocking of food and beverages in warehouses off airport premises due to the nature of airport warehouse availability and their limited space. The bill author has further informed the committee that such third-party logistics companies or airlines cannot legally store alcohol at these off-airport warehouses, leading to additional complications in efficiently provisioning alcoholic beverages for flights in Texas. C.S.H.B. 4285 seeks to address this logistical issue by allowing airlines to store alcoholic beverages in warehouses within five miles of any airport regularly served by the permittee in the same county as the airport.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE IMPACT

It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly create a criminal offense, increase the punishment for an existing criminal offense or category of offenses, or change the eligibility of a person for community supervision, parole, or mandatory supervision.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, department, agency, or institution.

ANALYSIS

C.S.H.B. 4285 amends the Alcoholic Beverage Code to authorize the holder of a passenger transportation permit to store alcoholic beverages at a location within five miles of any airport regularly served by the permittee in the same county as the airport, in accordance with rules and regulations promulgated by the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission.

EFFECTIVE DATE

September 1, 2025.

COMPARISON OF INTRODUCED AND SUBSTITUTE

C.S.H.B. 4285 differs from the introduced in minor or nonsubstantive ways by conforming to certain bill drafting conventions.