BILL ANALYSIS

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AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

Under current law, certain FDA-regulated medical devices that incorporate boilers are subject to state boiler registration and inspection requirements, despite already being heavily regulated at the federal level. This redundancy creates unnecessary regulatory burdens on medical facilities, manufacturers, and operators, leading to inefficiencies and increased costs.

S.B. 1185 seeks to modernize Section 755.022(a) of the Health and Safety Code by exempting boilers that are a component of FDA-regulated medical devices from state boiler registration and inspection requirements. This change ensures that Texas law aligns with existing federal oversight while reducing unnecessary compliance burdens for healthcare providers and manufacturers.

S.B. 1185 amends current law relating to an exemption from boiler registration and inspection requirements for certain boilers in medical equipment and autoclaves that are regulated by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration.

As proposed, S.B. 1185 amends current law relating to an exemption from boiler registration and inspection requirements for certain boilers in medical equipment and autoclaves.

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 755.022(a), Health and Safety Code, to provide that Chapter 755 (Boilers) does not apply to certain equipment, including boilers that are a component of a medical device regulated by the United States Food and Drug Administration and are of a size that does not exceed certain dimensions and unfired pressure vessels in an autoclave and to make nonsubstantive changes.

SECTION 2. Effective date: September 1, 2025.