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TO: Honorable Brian Birdwell, Chair, Senate Committee on Natural Resources

FROM: Jerry McGinty, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB1237 by Guillen (relating to the renewal by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality of certain expired occupational licenses and registrations.), **Committee Report 2nd House, Substituted**

The fiscal implications of the bill cannot be determined because the number of individuals who would renew their licenses or registrations under the extended renewal periods is unknown at this time.

The bill would make no appropriation but could provide the legal basis for an appropriation of funds to implement the provisions of the bill.

The bill would amend Water Code to expand the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) requirements and uniform procedures for renewing licenses and registrations.

The bill would allow for certain licenses or registrations issued by TCEQ that have been expired for up to 90 days to be renewed by paying a renewal fee set by TCEQ in an amount not to exceed one and a half times the normally required renewal fee. The bill would allow TCEQ to charge a fee up to two times the normally required fee if a license or registration has been expired for at least 90 days but less than 180 days. The bill would prohibit the renewal of a license or registration that has been expired for at least 180 days. The bill would allow persons with expired licenses or registrations, that have applied for but not yet received renewals, to engage in related activity until a renewal or denial is received. The application fees for licenses and renewals governed by the bill would be deposited to the credit of General Revenue-Dedicated Texas Commission on Environmental Quality Occupational Licensing Account No. 468.

According to TCEQ and the Comptroller of Public Accounts, the fiscal implications of the bill cannot be determined because the number of individuals who would renew licenses or registrations under the extended renewal periods is unknown at this time.

Based on information provided by TCEQ, it is assumed that any costs associated with the bill could be absorbed using existing resources.

Local Government Impact

The fiscal implications of the bill cannot be determined at this time.

Source Agencies: 304 Comptroller of Public Accounts, 582 Commission on Environmental Quality

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