

SENATE AMENDMENTS

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By: Guillen

H.B. No. 1237

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AN ACT

relating to the renewal by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality of certain expired occupational licenses and registrations.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Section 37.006, Water Code, is amended by amending Subsections (f) and (g) and adding Subsection (h) to read as follows:

(f) A person whose license or registration has been expired for not more than 90 ~~[30]~~ days ~~[or less]~~ may apply for renewal of the license or registration by paying to the commission a renewal fee in an amount prescribed by commission rule not to exceed 1-1/2 times the normally required renewal fee.

(g) A person whose license or registration has been expired for at least 90 days but not more than one year may apply for renewal of the license or registration by paying to the commission a renewal fee in an amount prescribed by commission rule not to exceed two times the normally required renewal fee.

(h) A person whose license or registration has been expired for at least one year [~~more than 30 days~~] may not renew the license or registration. The person may obtain a new license or registration by complying with the requirements and procedures, including the examination requirements, for obtaining an original license or registration.

1 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.

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Secretary of the Senate

By: *Zaffirini*

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Substitute the following for H.B. No. 1237:

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14 a person who has applied for renewal of the license or registration
15 under this subsection may engage in activities that require a
16 license or registration after the expiration of the license or
17 registration until the license or registration is renewed or
18 denied.

19 (g) A person whose license or registration has been expired
20 for at least 90 days but not more than 180 days may apply for renewal
21 of the license or registration by paying to the commission a renewal
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24 (h) A person whose license or registration has been expired

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LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD
Austin, Texas

FISCAL NOTE, 89TH LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION

May 25, 2025

TO: Honorable Dustin Burrows, Speaker of the House, House of Representatives

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.), **As Passed 2nd House**

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

LBB Staff: JMc, SD, TUF, AJL, FV, MW

LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD

Austin, Texas

FISCAL NOTE, 89TH LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION

May 15, 2025

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**

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May 12, 2025

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.), **As Engrossed**

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LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD
Austin, Texas

FISCAL NOTE, 89TH LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION

April 16, 2025

TO: Honorable Brooks Landgraf, Chair, House Committee on Environmental Regulation

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.), **As Introduced**

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