

BILL ANALYSIS

C.S.H.B. 3060
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Committee Report (Substituted)

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

Recently enacted legislation gave certain municipalities the subject matter jurisdiction to enforce their animal control and water conservation ordinances through a civil action or quasi-judicial hearing rather than through a criminal proceeding. However, interested parties assert that the legislation failed to make a corresponding change to give the municipalities actual enforcement authority. C.S.H.B. 3060 seeks to address this issue by revising provisions relating to the quasi-judicial enforcement of certain health and safety ordinances.

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. 3060 amends the Local Government Code to authorize the commission panel of a municipal building and standards commission to order action to be taken as necessary to remedy, alleviate, or abate a violation of an ordinance relating to animal care and control or a water conservation measure, including a water restriction.

EFFECTIVE DATE

On passage, or, if the bill does not receive the necessary vote, September 1, 2015.

COMPARISON OF ORIGINAL AND SUBSTITUTE

C.S.H.B. 3060 differs from the original in minor or nonsubstantive ways to make technical corrections.