

SUBJECT: Allowing people with certain licenses to work at a vehicle storage facility

COMMITTEE: Licensing and Administrative Procedures — favorable, without amendment

VOTE: 7 ayes — Kuempel, Frullo, Geren, Goldman, Herrero, Paddie, S. Thompson

0 nays

2 absent — Guillen, Hernandez

WITNESSES: For — (*Registered, but did not testify*: Todd Johnston, Apple Towing; Lisa Truitt, Auto Data Direct; Rhonda Hight, Edd's Towing; Andy Chesney, Eules Wrecker Service; Tommy Anderson, Gary Hoffman, and Joann Messina, Southwest Tow Operators; Jeanette Rash and Ken W. Ulmer, Texas Towing and Storage Association; Thomas Parkinson)

Against — None

On — (*Registered, but did not testify*: Brian Francis, Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation)

BACKGROUND: Occupations Code, sec. 2303.1015 requires a person working at a vehicle storage facility to hold a vehicle storage facility license issued by the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation.

Some have suggested that individuals with other related licenses be able to work at vehicle storage facilities.

DIGEST: HB 2615 would require that a person working at a vehicle storage facility hold a vehicle storage facility license or one of the following:

- an incident management towing operator's license;
- a private property towing operator's license; or
- a consent towing operator's license.

HB 2615 would amend sections of the Occupations Code governing these licenses to stipulate that a person holding one could work at a vehicle storage facility.

The bill would repeal provisions governing the vehicle storage facility employee and towing operator dual license, which would expire upon the issuance of a towing license listed above.

The bill would take effect September 1, 2017.