

BILL ANALYSIS

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DIGEST

Currently, mosquito control is a public health activity which reduces the threat to mosquito borne diseases. By controlling the mosquitos that carry diseases such as encephalitis and dengue fever, public health may be bettered. This bill amends the Agricultural Code to provide guidelines for agencies in charge of pesticide applicator certification programs.

PURPOSE

As proposed, H.B. 1759 amends the Agricultural Code to provide guidelines for agencies in charge of pesticide applicator certification programs.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

This bill does not grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Section 76.106(c), Agriculture Code, to authorize each regulatory agency to charge a testing fee, as fixed by the governing body of or the head of the regulatory agency.

SECTION 2. Amends Section 76.109, Agriculture Code, by amending Subsections (b) and (d), and by adding Subsection (g), to authorize the governing body of or the head of the regulatory agency to set other fees as necessary to defray the costs of administering a pesticide applicator certification program. Deletes a provision prohibiting a regulatory agency from charging a governmental entity applicant a license fee. Provides that an individual to whom a noncommercial applicator license is issued by the Texas Department of Health is authorized to use and supervise the use of general-use, restricted-use, and state-limited-use pesticides in the license use categories and subcategories in which the individual is licensed.

SECTION 3. Effective date: September 1, 1997.
Makes application of this Act prospective.

SECTION 4. Emergency clause.