

BILL ANALYSIS

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DIGEST

Currently, the Department of Health is required to collect fees for radioactive material licenses and registrations. The minimum fee for failure to pay on time is fixed statutorily at \$100. However, many small licensees (e.g., dentists, veterinarians) pay annual license and registration fees of only \$100. Thus the additional cost of a late fee effectively doubles the cost for small-time operators. This bill would change the late fee so that it is equal to 20 percent of the amount of the annual license and registration fee, rather than a flat fee of \$100.

PURPOSE

As proposed, H.B. 2170 replaces the current late fee collected by the Department of Health of \$100 with 20 percent of the amount of the annual license and registration fee, for a person licensed to process radioactive materials.

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 401.301(c), Health and Safety Code, to authorize the Department of Health to collect a fee, in addition to the annual license and registration fee, of not less than 20 percent of the amount of the annual license and registration fee, rather than \$100, nor more than \$10,000 per annum from each license or registrant who fails to pay the fees authorized by this section.

SECTION 2. Effective date: September 1, 1997.

SECTION 3. Emergency clause.