

BILL ANALYSIS

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DIGEST

The Texas Accessibility Standards (TAS) require that a building or facility occupied by a state agency involved in extending direct services to persons with mobility impairments be required to have 20% of all parking spaces be accessible to persons with mobility impairments. The standards do not designate which agencies meet these requirements.

Currently, each time a state agency requests a building or facility, the agency must notify the General Services Commission (GSC) or the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation (TDLR) that the agency meets this requirement. This bill sets forth provisions regarding the accessibility by persons with mobility impairments to buildings leased by or build for the state.

PURPOSE

As proposed, H.B. 2493 sets forth provisions regarding the accessibility by persons with mobility impairments to buildings leased by or build for the state.

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 5, Article 9102, V.T.C.S., by amending Subsection (e) and adding Subsections (g) and (h), to delete a provision requiring the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation (TDLR) to inspect each building that is subject to this article because of a lease to the state during the first year of the lease. Provides that the standards and specifications adopted by the commissioner of licensing and regulation (commissioner) under this article that apply specifically to a building or facility occupied by a state agency involved in extending direct services to person with mobility impairments also apply to a building or facility that is occupied by the Texas Rehabilitation Commission. Requires the commissioner to require complete compliance with the standards and specifications prescribed or referenced by Subsection (g) of this section. Sets forth provisions for TDLR and the General Services Commission to ensure compliance with this section.

SECTION 2. Effective date: September 1, 1997.

SECTION 3. Emergency clause.