

BILL ANALYSIS

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DIGEST

Currently, separate facilities for men and women are required to be within a licensed premises before the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission will grant a wine and beer retailer's license. This requirement does not apply to mixed beverage permittees. However, the law requires wine and beer retailer permittees and private club permittees to have separate facilities. S.B. 1831 would authorize a county judge to waive the requirement for on-premises sanitary facilities by certain applicants for an alcoholic beverage license.

PURPOSE

As proposed, S.B. 1831 outlines provisions regarding sanitary facilities required on the premises of certain applicants for an alcoholic beverage license.

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 61.43, Alcoholic Beverage Code, to set forth instances in which the county judge is authorized to refuse to approve an application for a license as a distributor or retailer. Provides that Subsection (a)(8) does not apply to an application under this section if the premises for which the application is submitted is part of a larger business complex with multiple tenant or commercial spaces, including a mall, that is open to the public and that offers the facilities required by Subsection (a)(8). Makes conforming changes.

SECTION 2. Effective date: September 1, 1997.

SECTION 3. Emergency clause.