

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

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### **DIGEST AND PURPOSE**

The Texas Legislative Council is required by law to carry out a complete nonsubstantive revision of the Texas statutes. The process involves reclassifying and rearranging the statutes in a more logical order; employing a numbering system and format that will accommodate future expansion of the law; eliminating repealed, invalid, duplicative, and other ineffective provisions; and improving the draftsmanship of the law if practicable. These efforts are carried out in order to make the statutes more accessible, understandable, and usable without altering the sense, meaning, or effect of the law. This bill makes nonsubstantive revisions to and corrections in enacted codes, including the nonsubstantive codification of various laws omitted from enacted codes, and to conforming codifications enacted by the 76th Legislature to other Acts of that legislature.

### **RULEMAKING AUTHORITY**

Rulemaking authority is expressly granted to various state officers, institutions, and agencies throughout this bill.

### **SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS**

S.B. 1362 provides for the adoption of a nonsubstantive revision of statutes relating to the licensing and regulation of certain professions and business practices, as follows:

**SECTION 1. ADOPTION OF ENGINEERING, ARCHITECTURE, AND LAND SURVEYING TITLE.** Amends the Occupations Code by adding Title 6 relating to the licensing and regulation of these professions. (Pages 1 - 170 of bill.)

**SECTION 2. ADOPTION OF REAL PROPERTY AND HOUSING TITLE.** Amends the Occupations Code by adding Title 7 relating to the licensing and regulation of professions related to real property and housing. (Pages 170 - 469 of bill.)

**SECTION 3. ADOPTION OF ENVIRONMENTAL AND INDUSTRIAL TRADES TITLE.** Amends the Occupations Code by adding Title 8 relating to the regulation of environmental and industrial trades. (Pages 469 - 572 of bill.)

**SECTION 4. ADOPTION OF WATER, HEALTH, AND SAFETY TITLE.** Amends the Occupations Code by adding Title 12 relating to the practices and trades related to water, health and safety. (Pages 572 - 761 of bill.)

**SECTION 5. ADOPTION OF MOTOR VEHICLES AND TRANSPORTATION TITLE.** Amends the Occupations Code by adding Title 14 relating to the regulation of motor vehicles and transportation. (Pages 761 - 948 of bill.)

**SECTION 6. ADOPTION OF EMPLOYMENT TITLE.** Amends the Occupations Code by adding Title 15 relating to the occupations related to employment. (Pages 948 - 974 of bill.)

SECTION 7. CONFORMING AMENDMENT. Amends Chapter 23C, Natural Resources Code, by adding Section 23.0515 to make a conforming change. (Pages 974 - 975 of bill.)

SECTION 8. CONFORMING AMENDMENT. Amends Section 23.057, Natural Resources Code, to make a conforming change. (Page 975 of bill.)

SECTION 9. CONFORMING AMENDMENT. Amends Chapter 23C, Natural Resources Code, to make a conforming change. (Pages 975 - 976 of bill.)

SECTION 10. CONFORMING AMENDMENT. Amends Section 501.0916, Transportation Code, to make a conforming change. (Pages 976 - 978 of bill.)

SECTION 11. CONFORMING AMENDMENT. Amends Section 501.0917, Transportation Code, to make a conforming change. (Page 978 of bill.)

SECTION 12. CONFORMING AMENDMENT. Amends Chapter 503A, Transportation Code, to make a conforming change. (Pages 978 - 979 of bill.)

SECTION 13. REPEALER. Repeals Acts and articles relating to the licensing and regulation of various professions, as compiled in Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes. (Page 979 of bill.)

SECTION 14. LEGISLATIVE INTENT OF NO SUBSTANTIVE CHANGE. Provides that this Act is enacted under Section 43, Article III, Texas Constitution. Provides that this Act is intended as a recodification only, and no substantive change in law is intended by this Act.

SECTION 15. Effective date: June 1, 2003.