

BILL ANALYSIS

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DIGEST AND PURPOSE

Currently, the Lou Lawler Seafarers' Center is not allowed to serve alcoholic beverages because the city of Morgan's Point voted to become a dry municipality. As proposed, S.B. 935 amends the definition of a fraternal organization to include a chapter or other local unit of an American national fraternal organization that promotes the welfare of merchant seafarers and meets certain other requirements. This bill allows such an organization to obtain a private alcoholic beverage license without having to pay extra costs associated with a private club.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

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

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Section 32.11(a) (1), Alcoholic Beverage Code, to include in the definition of "fraternal organization," a chapter or other local unit of an American national fraternal organization that promotes the moral, educational, social, and recreational welfare of merchant seafarers and that, as owner, lessee, or occupant, has operated an establishment for fraternal purposes for at least one year. Requires the fraternal organization to meet certain requirements.

SECTION 2. Effective date: September 1, 2003.