

BILL ANALYSIS

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AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

The process of starting a new business can be complicated and operating without all necessary licenses and permits can be costly to new business owners. H.B. 422 would help new owners avoid some of these pitfalls by providing information to business owners earlier in the process.

H.B. 422 amends current law relating to information provided to a person applying for a state tax permit or license.

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 Subchapter A, Chapter 111, Tax Code, by adding Section 111.00457, as follows:

Sec. 111.00457. INFORMATION RELATING TO OTHER PERMIT OR LICENSE REQUIREMENTS. (a) Requires the comptroller of public accounts (comptroller) to include a warning statement on each application for a permit or license issued by the comptroller. Sets forth the required language of the warning statement.

(b) Requires that the statement required by Subsection (a) be placed in a prominent separate section on the last page of the application, on the last line above the applicant signature line, and in bold typeface that is at least as large as any other typeface appearing on the page.

(c) Requires the comptroller to revise the statement required by Subsection (a) as necessary to reflect any change in the Internet address that provides the listing of links.

SECTION 2. Requires the comptroller, not later than the 60th day after the effective date of this Act, to modify each application for a permit or license issued by the comptroller as necessary to comply with Section 111.00457, Tax Code, as added by this Act.

SECTION 3. Effective date: upon passage or September 1, 2009.