

BILL ANALYSIS

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H.B. 3329
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AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

Interested parties note that while the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation charges electricians a state licensing fee, municipalities frequently charge electricians a fee to register the license with the municipality. These parties content that fee redundancies create a financial burden for electricians and can create difficulties each time an electrician has the opportunity to expand his or her business to a new area. H.B. 3329 eases such a burden by prohibiting a municipality or region from collecting a fee from a state-licensed electrician for work performed in the municipality or region. (Original Author's / Sponsor's Statement of Intent)

H.B. 3329 amends current law relating to regulation of electricians by local governments.

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 1305.201, Occupations Code, by amending Subsection (a) and adding Subsection (f), as follows:

(a) Deletes existing text regarding collecting permit fees for municipal or regional licenses and examinations from electricians for certain work from actions taken by a municipality or region to regulate electricians that are not prohibited by this chapter (Electricians).

(f) Prohibits a municipality or region from collecting a permit fee, registration fee, administrative fee, or any other fee from an electrician who holds a license issued under this chapter for work performed in the municipality or region. Provides that this subsection does not prohibit a municipality or region from collecting a building permit fee.

SECTION 2. Effective date: September 1, 2017.