

BILL ANALYSIS

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AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

Sales are not currently permitted in the Capitol Complex, forcing events like the Texas Book Festival to conduct sales on city streets. The Capitol Complex master plan envisions the Texas mall will be the new venue for this and other events as approved by the State Preservation Board.

H.B. 635 provides for a formal approval process for a temporary vendor permit for authorized events held on the new Texas mall.

H.B. 635 amends current law relating to issuance of a vendor permit for the sale of goods during an authorized event held in the Texas mall area of the Capitol Complex.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

Rulemaking authority is expressly granted to the State Preservation Board in SECTION 1 (Section 2165.260, Government Code) of this bill.

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Subchapter F, Chapter 2165, Government Code, by adding Section 2165.260, as follows:

Sec. 2165.260. TEXAS MALL AREA VENDOR PERMIT. (a) Defines "Texas mall area of the Capitol Complex."

(b) Requires the State Preservation Board (SPB), by rule, and in consultation with the Texas Facilities Commission and other appropriate state agencies, notwithstanding any other law, to establish a process for a vendor to apply for and obtain from SPB a permit that allows the vendor to sell goods from a rented space during an event authorized by SPB and held in the Texas mall area of the Capitol Complex.

(c) Provides that SPB is not required to adopt the rules required under Subsection (b) until the Capitol Complex master plan developed under Section 2166.105 (Capitol Complex Master Plan) is implemented and the Texas mall proposed in the plan is established.

SECTION 2. Effective date: September 1, 2017.