

## Requiring license to advertise structural pest-control services

HB 1586 by T. King (Estes)

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DIGEST: HB 1586 would have established that a person was engaged in the business of structural pest control and required to hold a license if the person advertised or solicited to perform any of the following services:

- identifying infestations;
- making oral or written inspection reports, recommendations, estimates, or bids concerning an infestation; or
- making contracts or submitting bids for services or performing certain pest-control services.

The bill would have provided that clerical employees and manual laborers were not engaged in the business of structural pest control if they did not advertise or solicit to perform any of these services.

GOVERNOR'S REASON FOR VETO: "House Bill 1586 is unnecessary. Existing law gives the Texas Department of Agriculture sufficient statutory authority to regulate exterminators."

RESPONSE: Neither **Rep. Tracy O. King**, the bill's author, nor **Sen. Craig Estes**, the Senate sponsor, had a comment on the veto.

NOTES: [HB 1586](#) was digested in Part Three of the May 3 *Daily Floor Report*.