

BILL ANALYSIS

H.B. 3174
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Licensing & Administrative Procedures
Committee Report (Unamended)

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

It has been suggested that certain alcoholic beverage retailers in Texas should have the ability to advertise and decorate their store windows as they see fit. H.B. 3174 seeks to address this issue by repealing a provision prohibiting certain obstructions of the view of alcoholic beverage retailers.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE IMPACT

It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly create a criminal offense, increase the punishment for an existing criminal offense or category of offenses, or change the eligibility of a person for community supervision, parole, or mandatory supervision.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, department, agency, or institution.

ANALYSIS

H.B. 3174 repeals Section 104.02, Alcoholic Beverage Code, which prohibits a person from installing or maintaining a blind or barrier in the opening or door of a retail alcoholic beverage establishment or painting the windows of such an establishment in a certain manner and from installing or maintaining an obstruction that prevents a clear view of the interior of a package store or wine only package store.

EFFECTIVE DATE

September 1, 2019.