SUBJECT: Licensure renewal for radioactive materials

COMMITTEE: Public Health — favorable, without amendment

VOTE: 8 ayes — Delisi, Jackson, Cohen, Coleman, Gonzales, S. King, Olivo,

Truitt

0 nays

1 absent — Laubenberg

WITNESSES: For — Stephen F. Smith, Texas Mining and Reclamation Association

Against —None

On — Richard Ratliff, Department of State Health Services; (Registered,

but did not testify: Cynthia Cardwell, Department of State Health

Services)

BACKGROUND: In 2003, the 78th Legislature enacted HB 2292 by Wohlgemuth, which

altered the licensure procedures for a number of groups, including

licensure for entities that have or use radioactive materials and registration of radiation producing machines. HB 2292 mandated that licenses must be renewed with the Department of State Health Services (DSHS) every two

years.

DIGEST: HB 2285 would amend Health and Safety Code to exempt entities that

have or use radioactive materials from the two-year DSHS license renewal

requirements.

The bill would take effect September 1, 2007.