

- SUBJECT:** Increasing the duration of certain licenses; increasing a fee
- COMMITTEE:** Human Services — committee substitute recommended
- VOTE:** 8 ayes — Frank, Hinojosa, Clardy, Deshotel, Klick, Meza, Miller, Noble
0 nays
1 absent — Rose
- WITNESSES:** For — (*Registered, but did not testify:* Sarah Mills, Texas Association for Home Care and Hospice; Maxcine Tomlinson, Texas New Mexico Hospice Organization; Idona Griffith; Vanessa MacDougal; Robyn Ross)
Against — None
On — Diana Conces, Texas Health and Human Services Commission
- BACKGROUND:** Health and Safety Code ch. 142 subch. A governs licensing for home and community support services. Licenses issued under these statutes expire two years after the date of issuance. Fees for licenses to provide home health, hospice, habilitation, or personal assistance services are set by the executive commissioner of the Health and Human Services Commission and can range from \$600 to \$2,000.
Some have suggested that the length of the licensing period for home and community support services agencies is inconsistent with the licensing of other long-term care providers.
- DIGEST:** CSHB 3193 would increase from two years to three years the length of time for which a home and community support services license was valid. It would raise the fee cap for a license to provide home health, hospice, habilitation, or personal assistance services from \$2,000 to \$2,625.
The executive commissioner of the Health and Human Services Commission would be required to adopt rules necessary to implement the

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bill as soon as practicable after the bill's effective date.

The bill would take effect September 1, 2019.