

- SUBJECT:** Waiving certain examination requirements for LP gas cylinder filling
- COMMITTEE:** Energy Resources — committee substitute recommended
- VOTE:** 10 ayes — Goldman, Herrero, Anchia, Craddick, Darby, Ellzey, Geren, Leman, Longoria, Reynolds
- 0 nays
- 1 absent — T. King
- SENATE VOTE:** On final passage, April 23 — 31-0, on Local and Uncontested calendar
- WITNESSES:** For — None
- Against — None
- On — (*Registered, but did not testify*: April Richardson, Railroad Commission of Texas)
- BACKGROUND:** Concerns have been raised that the difficulty in obtaining a state license to dispense liquefied petroleum gas is preventing many retail stores from selling propane, which restricts opportunities for consumers to refill cylinders at lower prices and convenient times. Some have called for waiving certain instruction and examinations requirements for cylinder filling applicants who meet specified qualifications.
- DIGEST:** CSSB 1668 would require the Railroad Commission (RRC) by rule to waive instruction, examination, and seminar license requirements for an applicant for a certificate for cylinder filling who:
- had completed training consistent with the guidelines established by the Propane Education and Research Council;
 - submitted proof of completion of such training;
 - submitted an application for that type of certificate;

- paid the applicable original nonrefundable certification fee; and
- completed an examination for cylinder filling administered or approved by RRC or that used Propane Education & Research Council training and exam materials.

Applicants would have to submit proof of completion of examinations not administered by RRC.

The bill would take effect September 1, 2021.