

BILL ANALYSIS

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DIGEST

Currently, Chapter 242, Health and Safety Code, specifies that medication permits are valid for one year, renewable only on December 31st, regardless of the initial application date. Therefore, the simultaneous renewal of the permits of 7,000 medication aides requires the Texas Department of Health to hire several temporary workers to process applications and fees. S.B. 1293 allows staggered permit renewal dates, and requires accordingly prorated fees.

PURPOSE

As proposed, S.B. 1293 allows staggered permit renewal dates, and requires accordingly prorated fees.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

This bill does not grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Section 242.610, Health and Safety Code, by amending Subsection (e), and adding Subsection (g), to authorize the Texas Department of Health to shorten permit terms to stagger permit renewal. Requires the fee assessed under Section 242.611 to be prorated appropriately, if a permit is issued for a term of less than one year. Makes conforming changes.

SECTION 2. Emergency clause.
Effective date: upon passage.