

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

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### **DIGEST AND PURPOSE**

Currently the Texas Department of Health (TDH) is responsible for inspecting and setting health and safety standards for various industries throughout the state, including youth camps which are unique in the sense that they operate on a seasonal basis. For this reason, the youth camp industry feels it should have a set of health and safety standards representative of their unique operation. C.S.H.B. 2075 addresses a camp industry concern by creating an immediate cure solution for infractions found during inspections which are easily corrected, such as lack of toilet paper at a certain location.

Various changes have been made in the past in regard to TDH's oversight of Texas's youth camps. For example, during the 77th Legislature the maximum fine assessed for an inspection violation was raised from \$100 a day to \$2,000 a day. The advisory committee, originally part of the Youth Camp Act and established to facilitate communication between TDH and youth camps, was abolished under sweeping sunset legislation because it had not met for several years. The bill lowers the maximum fine daily fine to \$1000, and reinstates the advisory committee.

### **RULEMAKING AUTHORITY**

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

### **SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS**

SECTION 1. Amends Section 141.008(a), Health and Safety Code, to require the Texas Board of Health (board), in adopting rules to implement this chapter, the board to comply with Subchapter B, Chapter 2001, Government Code, including Sections 2001.032 (b) and 2001.033, Government Code.

SECTION 2. Amends Section 141.010, Health and Safety Code, to provide that the other members of the advisory committee should be experienced camping professionals who represent the camping communities of the state. Requires the board, in making the appointments, to attempt to reflect the geographic diversity of the state in proportion to the number of camps licensed by the department in each geographic area of the state. Deletes text relating to the membership of the advisory committee.

SECTION 3. Amends Section 141.016(c), Health and Safety Code, to prohibit the penalty from exceeding \$1,000, rather than \$2,000, a day for each violation.

SECTION 4. Effective date: September 1, 2003.