

BILL ANALYSIS

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DIGEST AND PURPOSE

Currently, there is no statute in state law that prohibits a landlord from evicting a tenant from a rental property because law enforcement or emergency assistance was called in response to domestic violence. As proposed, S.B. 92 prohibits a landlord from limiting a residential tenant's right to summon police or other emergency assistance in response to domestic violence or other conduct. This bill also prohibits landlords from imposing penalties on such tenants.

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 Subchapter A, Chapter 92, Property Code, by adding Section 92.015, as follows:

Sec. 92.015. TENANT'S RIGHT TO SUMMON POLICE OR EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE. (a) Prohibits a landlord from performing certain actions regarding a residential tenant's right to summon police or emergency assistance.

(b) Prohibits the provisions of this section from being waived by contract.

SECTION 2. Makes application of this Act prospective.

SECTION 3. Effective date: upon passage or September 1, 2003.