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AUTHOR'S/SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

The Texas Legislative Council is required by law (Section 323.007, Government Code) to carry out a complete nonsubstantive revision of the Texas statutes. This process involves reclassifying and rearranging the statutes in a more logical order, employing a numbering system and format that will accommodate future expansion of the law, eliminating repealed, invalid, duplicative, and other ineffective provisions, and improving the draftsmanship of the law, if applicable--all toward promoting the stated purpose of making the statutes "more accessible, understandable, and usable" without altering the sense, meaning, or effect of the law.

S.B. 979 makes nonsubstantive revisions to and corrections in enacted code, including the nonsubstantive codification or disposition of various laws omitted from enacted codes, and to conforming codifications enacted by the 78th Legislature to other Acts of that legislature.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

Rulemaking authority is expressly granted to various state officers, institutions, and agencies, throughout this bill.

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

ARTICLE. GENERAL PROVISIONS

SECTION 1.001. Provides that this Act is enacted as part of the state's continuing statutory revision program under Chapter 323 (Texas Legislative Council), Government Code. Provides that this Act is a revision for purposes of Section 43 (Revision of Laws), Article III, Texas Constitution, and has the purposes of certain conforming, nonsubstantive, and necessary changes.

SECTION 1.002. (a) Provides that the repeal of a statute by this Act does not affect an amendment, revision, or reenactment of the statute by the 79th Legislature, Regular Session, 2005. Provides that the amendment, revision, or reenactment is preserved and given effect as part of the code provision that revised the statute so amended, revised, or reenacted.

(b) Provides that if any provision of this Act conflicts with a statute enacted by the 79th legislature, Regular Session, 2005, the statute controls.

SECTION 1.003. (a) Provides that a transition or saving provision of a law codified by this Act applies to the codified law to the same extent as it applied to the original law.

(b) Provides the repeal of a transition or saving provision by this Act does not affect the application of the provision to the codified law.

(c) Defines "transition provision."

ARTICLE 2. CHANGES RELATING TO BUSINESS & COMMERCE CODE (Pages 2-6 of bill.)

ARTICLE 3. CHANGES RELATING TO CIVIL PRACTICE AND REMEDIES CODE (Page 7 of bill.)

ARTICLE 4. CHANGES RELATED TO CODE OF CRIMINAL PROCEDURE (Pages 7-17 of bill.)

ARTICLE 5. CHANGES RELATING TO EDUCATION CODE (Pages 17-24 of bill.)

ARTICLE 5A. CHANGES RELATING TO ELECTION CODE (Page 24 of bill.)

ARTICLE 6. CHANGES RELATING TO FAMILY CODE (Page 24-26 of bill.)

ARTICLE 7. CHANGES RELATING TO FINANCE CODE (Pages 26-29 of bill.)

ARTICLE 8. CHANGES RELATED TO GOVERNMENT CODE (Pages 30-45 of bill.)

ARTICLE 9. CHANGES RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE (Pages 45-50 of bill.)

ARTICLE 10. CHANGES RELATING TO HUMAN RESOURCES CODE (Page 50 of bill.)

ARTICLE 11. CHANGES RELATING TO INSURANCE CODE (Pages 50-257of bill.)

ARTICLE 12. CHANGES RELATING TO LABOR CODE (Pages 257-260 of bill.)

ARTICLE 13. CHANGES RELATING TO LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE (Pages 260-261 of bill.)

ARTICLE 14. CHANGES RELATING TO NATURAL RESOURCES CODE (Pages 261-265 of bill.)

ARTICLE 15. CHANGES RELATING TO OCCUPATIONS CODE (Pages 265-283 of bill.)

ARTICLE 16. CHANGE RELATING TO PENAL CODE (Pages 283-287 of bill.)

ARTICLE 17. CHANGES RELATING TO PROPERTY CODE (Pages 287-288 of bill.)

ARTICLE 18. CHANGES RELATING TO SPECIAL DISTRICT LOCAL LAWS CODE (Pages 289-302 of bill.)

ARTICLE 19. CHANGES RELATING TO TAX CODE (Pages 302-305 of bill.)

ARTICLE 20. CHANGES RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION CODE (Pages 306-318 of bill.)

ARTICLE 21. CHANGES RELATING TO UTILITIES CODE (Pages 319-320 of bill.)

ARTICLE 22. CHANGES RELATING TO WATER CODE (Pages 320-322 of bill.)

ARTICLE 23. RENUMBERING (Pages 322-341 of bill.)

ARTICLE 24. EFFECTIVE DATE. Effective date: September 1, 2005.