

BILL ANALYSIS

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AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

The Sunset bills for the Texas Medical Board (TMB) and the Texas State Board of Examiners of Psychologists (TSBEP) did not pass during the 85th Regular Session of the Texas Legislature. The General Appropriations Act for the 2018–2019 fiscal biennium included two Sunset contingency riders that made the funding for these agencies contingent upon their continuation during the regular session. In the absence of that legislative continuation during the regular session, interested parties observe that both TMB and TSBEP are ineligible to receive state appropriations even if they are continued during this special session.

S.B. 60 repeals the Sunset contingency riders for TMB and TSBEP from the General Appropriations Act for the 2018–2019 fiscal biennium. This change ensures that both agencies are eligible to receive state appropriations in the next fiscal biennium should the legislature approve their continuation in a special session. (Original Author's / Sponsor's Statement of Intent)

S.B. 60 amends current law relating to the repeal of certain riders for the Texas Medical Board and the Texas State Board of Examiners of Psychologists from the General Appropriations Act that are contingent upon the approval of certain Acts continuing those agencies during the 85th Regular Session.

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. Repealer: Rider 6 (Sunset Contingency) following the appropriations to the Texas Medical Board (page VIII-35), S.B. 1, Acts of the 85th Legislature, Regular Session, 2017 (the General Appropriations Act).

Repealer: Rider 2 (Sunset Contingency) following the appropriations to the Texas State Board of Examiners of Psychologists (page VIII-51), the General Appropriations Act.

SECTION 2. Effective date: upon passage or on the 91st day after the last day of the legislative session.