

BILL ANALYSIS

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DIGEST

Currently, a fire extinguisher without a label of approval cannot be leased, sold, rented, serviced, or installed. Once used, a portable fire extinguisher will often have the label of approval missing or defaced. A missing label often results in the fire extinguisher being discarded. S.B. 295 will allow service to a portable fire extinguisher without a label of approval.

PURPOSE

As proposed, S.B. 295 authorizes a person to service certain portable fire extinguishers.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

Rulemaking authority is granted to the Texas Commission on Fire Protection in SECTION 1 (Section 5(e), Article 5.43-1, Insurance Code), of this bill.

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Section 5, Article 5.43-1, Insurance Code, by amending Subsection (a) and adding Subsection (e), to prohibit a person from servicing a fire extinguisher without a label of approval, except as provided by Subsection (e). Requires the Texas Commission on Fire Protection to permit, by rule, a person to service a portable fire extinguisher regardless of whether it carries a label described by Subsection (a). Makes a conforming change.

SECTION 2. Amends Section 10, Article 5.43-1, Insurance Code, to make conforming changes.

SECTION 3. Requires the Texas Commission on Fire Protection to adopt rules under Subsection (e), Section 5, Article 5.43-1, Insurance Code, no later than January 1, 2000.

SECTION 4. Emergency clause.
Effective date: upon passage.