

SUBJECT: Extending the deadline to renew licenses in water-related industries

COMMITTEE: Natural Resources — committee substitute recommended

VOTE: 6 ayes — Ritter, Callegari, Creighton, Frost, Laubenberg, D. Miller
0 nays
5 absent — Corte, T. King, Lucio, Martinez Fischer, Smithee

WITNESSES: For — None
Against — None
On — (*Registered, but did not testify*, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality)

BACKGROUND: Water Code, ch. 37 establishes guidelines for licensing and registration for water-related occupations, including those related to wastewater operations, petroleum storage tanks, water quality protection areas, underground storage tanks, drinking water, solid waste facilities, on-site sewage disposal systems, and irrigation systems.

DIGEST: CSHB 2698 would extend the amount of time an individual had to renew a TCEQ issued water-related occupational license from 30 days to 60 days.
The bill would take effect September 1, 2009.

NOTES: The committee substitute differs from the bill as filed by not removing current law that the original would have deleted that caps the fee for renewing an expired license at 1.5 times the normally required renewal fee.