

- SUBJECT:** Regulating the sale and installation of integrated home technology
- COMMITTEE:** Licensing and Administrative Procedures — favorable, without amendment
- VOTE:** 8 ayes — Smith, Kuempel, Geren, Guillen, Gutierrez, Miles, Price, S. Thompson
- 0 nays
- 1 absent — Gooden
- SENATE VOTE:** On final passage, April 4 — 31-0
- WITNESSES:** For — Michael Creamer; Albert D’Andrea; Matt Freund; Hank Hodes; Todd McAlister, Texas Air Conditioning Contractors Association; Stephen Pape; Vikrant Reddy, Texas Public Policy Foundation; (*Registered, but did not testify:* Randel Beal; Alfred Bingham Jr. and Jeff Bright, Texas Burglar and Fire Alarm Association; Charles Davidson, Chris Dees, Brandon Foster, and Brent Lewis, Standard Supply; KeeAnn DeVora, Air Conditioning Contractors Association San Antonio; Phillip Doll; Shannon Noble and Victoria Schaefer, Texas Air Conditioning Contractors Association; Dan Shelley, Plumbing Heating Cooling Contractors; K. C. Walters, QLS Services, Inc.; Marvin White)
- Against — None
- On — (*Registered, but did not testify:* William Kuntz, Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation)
- BACKGROUND:** Occupations Code, ch. 1702, otherwise known as the Private Security Act, regulates private security firms. The chapter includes licenses for investigations firms, security services contractors, and electronic access control device companies.
- Insurance Code, ch. 6002 governs the certification and licensing of individuals and organizations engaged in the planning, designing, installation, and maintenance of fire alarm devices and systems.

Occupations Code, ch. 1302 regulates the licensing of air conditioning and refrigeration contractors.

DIGEST:

SB 407 would exempt from the air conditioning and refrigeration licensing requirements of Occupations Code, ch. 1302, license holders under Occupations Code, ch. 1702 and Insurance Code, ch. 6002 who sold, designed, or offered to sell or design a product or technology that was integrated with an air conditioning or refrigeration system if the sale, design, or offer did not include the installation of any part of an air conditioning or refrigeration system by that person.

This bill would take immediate effect if finally passed by a two-thirds record vote of the membership of each house. Otherwise, it would take effect September 1, 2013.