this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2013.

Passed by the House on May 4, 2013: Yeas 139, Nays 0, 2 present, not voting; passed by the Senate on May 22, 2013: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Approved June 14, 2013.
Effective June 14, 2013.

CHAPTER 997
H.B. No. 2294
AN ACT relating to an exemption from air conditioning and refrigeration contracting regulation for installation of a thermostat.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION 1. Section 1302.002(2), Occupations Code, is amended to read as follows:

(2) "Air conditioning and refrigeration contracting" means performing or offering to perform the design, installation, construction, repair, maintenance, service, or modification of equipment or a product in an environmental air conditioning system, a commercial refrigeration system, or a process cooling or heating system. Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter, the term does not include the performance of or an offer to perform the installation, repair, replacement, or modification of a thermostat or other temperature control interface by a person licensed or registered under Chapter 1702.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2013.

Passed by the House on May 3, 2013: Yeas 141, Nays 3, 2 present, not voting; the House concurred in Senate amendments to H.B. No. 2294 on May 23, 2013: Yeas 146, Nays 1, 2 present, not voting; passed by the Senate, with amendments, on May 20, 2013: Yeas 27, Nays 4.

Approved June 14, 2013.
Effective September 1, 2013.

CHAPTER 998
H.B. No. 2312
AN ACT relating to the membership of and the beef marketing, education, research, and promotion programs of the Texas Beef Council.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION 1. Section 41.151(2), Agriculture Code, is amended to read as follows:

(2) "Council" means the Beef Promotion and Research Council of Texas [Beef Council].

SECTION 2. Section 41.152(b), Agriculture Code, is amended to read as follows:

(b) The council shall be the certified organization to plan, implement, and operate research, education, promotion, and marketing programs under this subchapter. If the council establishes a state beef check off program under Section 41.1571, the council shall administer that program. [The council is the state beef council qualified to collect the proceeds of and administer in this state the beef check off program established by federal law.]

SECTION 3. Section 41.156, Agriculture Code, is amended by amending Subsections (a) and (c) and adding Subsection (d) to read as follows:

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