

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

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### **DIGEST**

Currently, Texas law allows for the collection of home and community support licensing fees in amounts reasonable to administer Chapter 142, Health and Safety Code, but without allowing for the collection of fees from applicants who do not submit applications in a timely manner. It is reported that approximately five percent of the 2,400 annual renewal applications are not submitted in a timely manner. This bill would allow the Texas Department of Health to assess and collect late fees for late renewal applications.

### **PURPOSE**

As proposed, H.B. 2037 authorizes the Texas Board of Health to set and collect a reasonable late fee applicable to an application for renewal of a license that is submitted after the renewal date.

### **RULEMAKING AUTHORITY**

Rulemaking authority is granted to the Texas Board of Health in SECTION 1 (Section 142.010, Health and Safety Code) of this bill.

### **SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS**

SECTION 1. Amends Section 142.010, Health and Safety Code, by adding Subsection (d), to authorize the Texas Board of Health, by rule, to set and collect a reasonable late fee applicable to an application for renewal of a license that is submitted after the renewal date.

SECTION 2. Effective date: September 1, 1999.

SECTION 3. Emergency clause.