

CHAPTER 664

S.B. No. 1243

An Act relating to the authority of the Department of Agriculture under certain circumstances to suspend or refuse to renew a license or certificate; adding Section 12.021 to Chapter 12, Agriculture Code.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 12, Agriculture Code, is amended by adding Section 12.021 to read as follows:

“Section 12.021. FAILURE TO PAY FEES. If the department is authorized by this code to require a person to pay an additional fee for the person’s failure to pay in a timely manner any required license or certificate fee, the department may, after a hearing conducted in accordance with the Administrative Procedure and Texas Register Act (Article 6252-13a, Vernon’s Texas Civil Statutes):

“(1) suspend or cancel the person’s license or certificate; or

“(2) refuse to renew the person’s license or certificate until all fees that are due are paid.”

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 1985, and applies only to persons who are liable for fees that become due on or after that date.

SECTION 3. The importance of this legislation and the crowded condition of the calendars in both houses create an emergency and an imperative public necessity that the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days in each house be suspended, and this rule is hereby suspended.

Passed the Senate on April 25, 1985, by the following vote: Yeas 30, Nays 0; Senate concurred in House amendment on May 21, 1985, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0; passed the House, with amendment, on May 17, 1985, by the following vote: Yeas 134, Nays 0, one present not voting.

Approved: June 14, 1985

Effective: September 1, 1985