CHAPTER 343

S.B. No. 803

An Act relating to the cost of bedding stamps and the reporting frequency for exemption holders; amending Chapter 7, Page 376, General Laws, Acts of the 46th Legislature, Regular Session, 1939, as amended (Article 4476a, Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes).

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

SECTION 1. Subdivision (3), Subsection (a), Section 7, Chapter 7, Page 376, General Laws, Acts of the 46th Legislature, Regular Session, 1939, as amended (Article 4476a, Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes), is amended to read as follows:

"(3) Adhesive stamps as provided for by this Act shall be furnished by the Department in quantities of not less than five hundred (500), for which the applicant shall pay an amount set by the Texas Board of Health, not to exceed Fifteen Dollars (\$15) [at the rate of Five Dollars (\$5)] for each five hundred (500) stamps. The Department is hereby authorized to prepare and cause to be printed, adhesive stamps which shall contain a replica of the Seal of the State of Texas, the registry number and/or serial numbers assigned by the Department, and such other matter as the Department shall direct."

SECTION 2. Subdivision (1), Subsection (c), Section 7, Chapter 7, Page 376, General Laws, Acts of the 46th Legislature, Regular Session, 1939, as amended (Article 4476a, Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes), is amended to read as follows:

"(1) Each holder of a stamp exemption shall file with the Department a report within fifteen (15) days after the expiration of each three-month [two/month] period. Such report shall be made under oath by the owner or official of the registrant that the information therein is true to his best knowledge and belief and shall show the exact number of articles of bedding sold in or into the State of Texas during the said three-month [two/month] period. The registrant shall remit with said report an amount of money computed as follows: The sum set by the Texas Board of Health [of one/cent (1¢)] for each article of bedding sold in or into the State of Texas during said report period. The first report required by this Section shall be for the period September 1, 1985 [1967], through November 30, 1985 [October 31, 1967]."

SECTION 3. EMERGENCY. 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 4, 1985, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0; passed the House on May 17, 1985, by the following vote: Yeas 134, Nays 0, one present not voting.

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