By: Smith H.B. No. 2296

Substitute the following for H.B. No. 2296:

By: Guillen C.S.H.B. No. 2296

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to regulation by a municipality of the possession of an

- 3 open container or the public consumption of alcoholic beverages.
- 4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:
- 5 SECTION 1. Section 109.35, Alcoholic Beverage Code, is
- 6 amended by amending Subsections (a), (b), and (c) and adding
- 7 Subsection (c-1) to read as follows:
- 8 (a) If the governing body of a municipality determines that
- 9 the possession of an open container or the public consumption of
- 10 alcoholic beverages in the central business district of the
- 11 municipality is a risk to the health and safety of the citizens of
- 12 the municipality, the governing body may by charter or ordinance
- 13 prohibit [petition for the adoption of an order by the commission
- 14 that prohibits] the possession of an open container or the public
- 15 consumption of alcoholic beverages in that central business
- 16 district.
- 17 (b) If a municipality prohibits [submits a petition for an
- 18 order of the commission to prohibit] the possession of an open
- 19 container or the public consumption of alcoholic beverages in the
- 20 central business district of the city, the municipality must adopt
- 21 [and attaches to the petition] a map, plat, or diagram showing the
- 22 central business district that is [to be] covered by the
- 23 prohibition[, the commission shall approve and issue the order
- 24 without further consideration unless the commission finds that the

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- 1 map, plat, or diagram improperly identifies the central business
- 2 district].
- 3 (c) The <u>municipality's charter or ordinance</u> [commission's
- 4 order] may not prohibit the possession of an open container or the
- 5 consumption of alcoholic beverages in motor vehicles, buildings not
- 6 owned or controlled by the municipality, residential structures, or
- 7 licensed premises located in the area of prohibition.
- 8 (c-1) In accordance with Section 1.06, this section does not
- 9 authorize municipal regulation of the possession of an open
- 10 container or the public consumption of alcoholic beverages except
- 11 as expressly provided by this section.
- 12 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.