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H.B. No. 1999

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the recommendations made by the Sunset Advisory Commission regarding state agencies reviewed under the Texas Sunset Act.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Section 325.012, Government Code, is amended by adding Subsection (a-1) to read as follows:

(a-1) In its report on a state agency under Subsection (a), the commission may only make recommendations that relate to procedural changes in the day-to-day operation or function of the state agency, including recommendations related to internal business operating procedures of the agency and administrative functions that do not require or are not affected by the unique subject matter responsibilities of the agency, such as changes to the general employment policy, the career ladder program, equal opportunity policies, public interest information and public participation policies, and the procedural method for issuing a license or resolving a complaint. The commission may not make recommendations that relate to substantive changes in the operation or function of the agency, including recommendations related to:

(1) the expansion or contraction of the subject matter responsibilities of the agency;

(2) a restriction on the deliberative process of a state agency's governing board;

1           (3) a change to the qualifications for a license or the  
2 activities for which a license issued by the agency is required;

3           (4) a change to the rulemaking authority of the agency  
4 as it relates to the agency's enforcement of its subject matter;

5           (5) a change to the scope of practice of the holder of  
6 a license issued by the agency; and

7           (6) agency penalty and enforcement provisions.

8           SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.