

Rep. Jackson's Passed Bills 81st Session

HB 449 - Establishes a regulatory structure for laser hair removal which both protects consumers and ensures that business can operate unfettered. The procedure will be regulated by the Department of State Health Services (DSHS) certifying each person and facility that is authorized to perform laser hair removal and requiring that a consulting medical physician must be retained to oversee operations and attend to any complications.

HB 1366 - Ensures that voters are aware of ballot propositions for hospital districts and are fully transparent by changing the ballot language for tax and bond elections for hospital districts with a population over 190,000 so that the ballot language includes, at a minimum, the information that is included in the election order. The election order includes a general description of the uses of the proposed funds for improvements to the hospital district, estimates of the costs and revenues raised through bond and tax increases, the amount that is being requested for each, and any other information that the board deems appropriate.

SB 333 - Allows counties who employ their own forensic technician to once again keep \$22.50 of DWI related court fees. The ability to keep the fee was inadvertently taken away from them in the 78th Session.

SB 397 - Speeds the reimbursement of jurors for their service by allowing a county treasurer to reimburse jurors through an Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) with a cash dispensing machine, debit card, or any other way that the county treasurer and the commissioners court determine is secure, accurate and cost-effective.

SB 407 (HB 659) - Allows a county judge in a county with a population of 2 million or more to appoint one or more part-time or full-time magistrates to oversee truancy cases, based on the needs of the county.

SB 702 (HB 1746) - Is a cleanup bill from a major reform in the 80th Session which moved the regulation of tow trucks from the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) to the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation (TDLR). The bill consists of common sense reforms of the tow truck industry, simplifying the regulatory process while offering consumers strong protections from unscrupulous tow truck operators.

SB 707 (HB 1034) - Helps to protect children from sexual predators, by requiring sexually oriented businesses to keep photo ID records verifying the age of their employees and independent contractors. The bill requires that the records be maintained for 2 years after an employee's last day, and makes the records available for inspection by law enforcement, the Office of Attorney General, and the Workforce Commission.

SB 798 (HB 1247) - Speeds and simplifies the process for receiving a refund for an overpayment of property taxes, by allowing a tax collector in large cities more flexibility in processing overpayments of property taxes.

SB 858 (HB 2399) - Allows a commercial vehicle education course offered by the Texas Education Association (TEA) to be offered online as other similar courses are.

SB 865 (HB 4228) - An omnibus bill regarding child support and makes many changes to how child support is calculated and collected. SB 865 amends multiple sections of the Family Code to clarify, conform, and remove outdated language, and is fairer and more equitable to both parents and children. SB 517, which makes a technical correction for the Attorney General reporting to the Federal Government, was also added to this bill as an amendment.

SB 2323 - Extends emergency planning that has been in place for public schools for some time to community colleges and universities. School safety is of more concern now due to recent events across the nation, and SB 2323 helps institutions of higher education protect Texas students. This bill was inserted as an amendment to HB 1831.

SB 2466 - Creates a Municipal Management District (MMD) to be known as the Cypress Waters Management District over approximately 935 acres of land in North Dallas, next to North Lake. The purpose of the district is to facilitate the development of the property within the district into a mixed use development project of commercial and residential property, including multi and single family development components. This new development will be an economic benefit locally, to the area, and to the region.