

Rider Comparison Packet

Conference Committee on Senate Bill 1

2026-27 General Appropriations Bill

Article VIII – Regulatory

DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE

Differences Only - Excludes Capital

Senate

House

17. **Federally Qualified Health Center Primary Care Access Pilot Program.** Included in amounts appropriated above in Strategy B.2.2, Life and Health Regulation, is \$10,000,000 in General Revenue funds in fiscal year 2026 and \$10,000,000 in General Revenue funds for fiscal year 2027 to implement the program with one full-time-equivalent position and provide uninsured or underinsured working adults employed at small businesses, and their dependents, with comprehensive direct primary care, as defined in Chapter 76 of the Health and Safety Code.

18. **Reporting for Policy Denials.** Of the amounts appropriated above in Strategy B.2.1, Property and Casualty Regulation, the agency shall produce a quarterly report regarding reasons for insurance declination, cancellation, or nonrenewal provided to applicants for insurance or policyholders. The report must be organized by zip codes and disclose any decision to decline to issue, cancel, or refuse to renew an insurance policy that was based on a score that is based on measuring exposure to long-term environmental, social, or governance risks. To the extent possible, the report shall include demographic information of the applicant whose insurance was declined, cancelled, or not renewed. The department shall post the quarterly reports required under this section on the department's Internet website.

DEPARTMENT OF LICENSING AND REGULATION

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Senate

House

13. Appropriation: Combative Sports Event Tax. Out of amounts appropriated above, one quarter of the tax assessed on gross receipts of combative sports events collected by the Department of Licensing and Regulation, estimated to be \$235,500 in General Revenue Funds, is appropriated each fiscal year in Strategy B.1.1, Conduct Inspections, for the purposes of regulating combative sports events.

5. Licensing and Enforcement Database. Out of amounts appropriated above, \$3,000,000 in General Revenue-Dedicated Account 5105, Public Assurance Funds and \$750,000 in General Revenue Funds in fiscal year 2026 and \$3,075,001 in General Revenue-Dedicated Account 5105, Public Assurance Funds and \$768,751 in General Revenue Funds in fiscal year 2027 are appropriated to the Texas Medical Board for the purpose of development a new licensing and enforcement database through third-party contractors.

BOARD OF PHARMACY
Differences Only - Excludes Capital

Senate

4. Prescription Monitoring Program. Amounts appropriated above in Strategy B.1.3, Prescription Monitoring Program, include \$3,700,750 in fiscal year 2026 and \$3,700,750 in fiscal year 2027 from the General Revenue Fund to implement Narxcare and Statewide Integration. These amounts are exempt from Article VIII, Special Provisions Relating to all Regulatory Agencies, Section 2, Appropriations Limited to Revenue Collections.

5. Cybersecurity Response Contingency. Amounts appropriated above include \$300,000 in General Revenue Funds in 2026-27 biennium in Strategy C.1.1, Indirect Administration, and 3.0 Full-Time Equivalents (FTE) positions each fiscal year contingent upon a finding of fact by the Board of Pharmacy that additional resources are needed by the department for the agency to respond to a cybersecurity attack. These amounts are exempt from Article VIII, Special Provisions Relating to all Regulatory Agencies, Sec. 2, Appropriations Limited to Revenue Collections.

None of the funds appropriated above in Strategy C.1.1 may be expended and none of the 3.0 Full-Time-Equivalents (FTE) positions each fiscal year included above may be used unless the Board of Pharmacy files a finding of fact with the Governor and the Legislative Budget Board (LBB) and neither the Governor nor the LBB issues a written disapproval not later than the 2nd business day after the date the staff of the LBB concludes its review of the findings of fact and forwards those findings of fact along with the conclusions or comments of the LBB staff to the Chair of the House Appropriations Committee, Chair of the Senate Finance Committee, Speaker of the House, and Lieutenant Governor; and the 2nd business day after the receipt of the finding of fact by the Governor.

House

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Included in amounts appropriated above is \$225,000 in fiscal year 2026 and \$150,000 in fiscal year 2027 from the Opioid Abatement Account No. 5189 to implement system enhancements related to the Prescription Monitoring Program, including an alert mechanism capable of identifying lapses in treatment for patients prescribed buprenorphine or other medications for the treatment of opioid use disorder.

BOARD OF PHARMACY
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Senate

House

- 5. Unexpended Balances, Prescription Monitoring Program.** Any unexpended and unobligated balances of appropriations for the fiscal year ending August 31, 2025, for Strategy B.1.3, Prescription Monitoring Program, are appropriated to the Board of Pharmacy for the same purposes for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2025. In addition, any unexpended and unobligated balances of appropriations for the fiscal year ending August 31, 2026, are appropriated to the Board of Pharmacy for the same purposes for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026.

BOARD OF PLUMBING EXAMINERS

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Senate

House

3. Audit of the State Board of Plumbing Examiners. In accordance with Texas Government Code, Chapter 321, the State Auditor’s Office (SAO) shall conduct a comprehensive financial audit of the State Board of Plumbing Examiners. The SAO shall provide an audit report, including all related findings, by September 1, 2026. The report should be provided to the Speaker of the House, Lieutenant Governor, House Appropriations Committee, and the Senate Finance Committee.

12. Medication and Drug Testing Laboratory Services. Out of funds appropriated by this Act for pari-mutuel racing animal medication and drug testing laboratory services, pursuant to Occupations Code, Section 2034.002, medication or drug testing performed on a race animal under the Texas Racing Act shall be conducted by the Texas A&M Veterinary Medical Diagnostic Laboratory.

12. Asset Forfeiture Appropriations Authority. In addition to amounts appropriated above, all funds received under Chapter 59, Code of Criminal Procedure, and Chapter 71, Property Code, by the Texas Racing Commission or awarded to the Texas Racing Commission by the United States Department of Justice based on the approval of an Equitable Sharing Request (DAG-71) form (estimated to be \$0) are appropriated above in Strategy B.1.1, Deter, Investigate, and Adjudicate, to be used for law enforcement purposes. Any unexpended funds (estimated to be \$0) at the close of each fiscal year from funds appropriated by this rider are appropriated for the following fiscal year.

13. Unexpended Balance Authority: Seized Assets. Any unobligated and unexpended balances of forfeited money, proceeds from the sale of forfeited property, or similar monetary awards related to Texas Racing Commission participation in the seizure of controlled substances or other contraband appropriated under Article IX, Section 8.02, of this Act that are remaining as of August 31, 2026, are appropriated for the same purpose for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026. The Texas Racing Commission is authorized to expend these funds for purposes authorized by the Texas Racing Act, including capital budget purposes. Such expenditures must comply with limitations established for salary, travel, capital expenditures, employment levels, and other provisions contained in Article IX of this Act. The Texas Racing Commission shall provide the Legislative Budget Board, the Governor, and the Comptroller of Public Accounts a report, not later than October 1, 2026, of amounts carried forward from fiscal year 2026 to fiscal year 2027 under this provision and the purposes for which those amounts would be expended in fiscal year 2027.

RACING COMMISSION
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Senate

House

- 14. Clothing and Equipment Provisions.** Any additional revenues in the GR - Dedicated Texas Racing Commission Account No. 597 received from occupational and business license fees to cover the costs of deterring, investigating and adjudicating violations of the Texas Racing Act (Object Codes 3188, 3189, and 3196) above amounts included in the Comptroller of Public Accounts’ Biennial Revenue Estimate for fiscal year 2026 and fiscal year 2027 (estimated to be \$0) are appropriated to the Racing Commission for the following purposes:
- (a) to provide for a commissioned officer who is newly hired or newly commissioned a \$1,200 clothing allowance to purchase and maintain appropriate uniforms;
 - (b) to provide for a commissioned officer who is entitled to receive a clothing allowance to also receive a \$500 cleaning allowance irrespective of promotion to any rank; and
 - (c) to provide for any employee assigned to work in the veterinary or laboratory test barn or stable areas of a racetrack who is entitled to wear medical scrubs issued by the agency a \$1,200 clothing allowance to purchase protective boots, knee pads, back support, and protective items.

SECURITIES BOARD

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Senate

House

2. **Digital Wallet Money Reporting.** The Securities Board shall provide a report to the Legislative Budget Board and the Legislature when appropriated funds used as flash money to purchase digital wallets in the support of investigation efforts of potential fraudulent digital asset promotion have been recovered. The Securities Board shall report annually no later than January 1, each year of the biennium.

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

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Senate

House

5. Texas Energy Fund.

- (a) The Comptroller of Public Accounts shall transfer \$5,000,000,000 from the General Revenue Fund to the Texas Energy Fund No. 0176 for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2025. The Comptroller of Public Accounts shall consult with the Public Utility Commission of Texas to coordinate the timing of transfers to the Texas Energy Fund No. 0176.
- (b) The transfers made under Subsection (a), included in appropriations made in Strategy A.4.1, Texas Energy Fund, shall be used to provide grants and loans pursuant to Utilities Code, Chapter 34.
- (c) In addition to amounts appropriated above in Strategy A.4.1, all unexpended and unobligated balances remaining in Texas Energy Fund No. 0176 as of August 31, 2025, are appropriated to the Public Utility Commission of Texas for the biennium beginning September 1, 2025 (estimated to be \$0).
- (d) All unexpended and unobligated balances in Texas Energy Fund No. 0176 appropriated to the Public Utility Commission of Texas for fiscal year 2025 and remaining as of August 31, 2026, (estimated to be \$0) are appropriated to the agency for the same purposes for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026.

5. Texas Energy Fund.

- (a) The Comptroller of Public Accounts shall transfer \$2,000,000,000 from the General Revenue Fund to the Texas Energy Fund No. 0176 for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2025. The Comptroller of Public Accounts shall consult with the Public Utility Commission of Texas to coordinate the timing of transfers to the Texas Energy Fund No. 0176.
- (b) The transfers made under Subsection (a), included in appropriations made in Strategy A.4.1, Texas Energy Fund, shall be used to provide grants and loans for electric generating facilities.
- (c) In addition to amounts appropriated above in Strategy A.4.1, all unexpended and unobligated balances remaining in Texas Energy Fund No. 0176 as of August 31, 2025, are appropriated to the Public Utility Commission of Texas for the biennium beginning September 1, 2025 (estimated to be \$0).
- (d) All unexpended and unobligated balances in Texas Energy Fund No. 0176 appropriated to the Public Utility Commission of Texas for fiscal year 2025 and remaining as of August 31, 2026, (estimated to be \$0) are appropriated to the agency for the same purposes for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026.

OFFICE OF PUBLIC UTILITY COUNSEL

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Senate

House

3. Data Analytics Team. Out of amounts appropriated above in Strategy B.1.1, Participation in Utility Projects, the Office of Public Utility Counsel shall allocate \$1,200,000 and 3.0 FTEs each fiscal year to develop a data analytic team.