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### House Passes TRCC Bill with Many Amendments

**On Weds., the Texas House passed a sweeping reform bill for the Texas Residential Construction Commission (TRCC) that will affect builders.** The bill is now headed to the Texas Senate for a public hearing. The House considered more than 30 amendments and added 17 amendments (some of these included amendments to the amendment) to the bill. [Here is a brief summary of the amendments.](#)

Your letters and calls to your lawmakers were instrumental in keeping many of the very onerous provisions off of the bill. For example, we were successful in moving the systems warranty back to two years and keeping the workmanship warranty from going to four years.

We also were able to keep the amendments regarding the Lemon Law and moving regulation to the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation from being discussed. Finally, Representative Gattis removed the most offensive language relating to arbitration.

Unfortunately, builder contract approval by the TRCC and removing the fee for an inspection request were added to the bill. These and many other fixes, both technical and substantive, must be addressed in the Senate.

With only 23 days left in the session, the Senate Business and Commerce Committee will hold a hearing on this bill very soon.

Thanks again for your continued support. Please do not hesitate to contact the TAB lobby team if you have any questions, (512) 476-6346.

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*[HOT: The best thing for homeowners at this point would be if time runs out, the bill is never introduced, and the TRCC is allowed to sunset.*

*[HOT observation: lobbyists and supporting republicans have been using every dirty trick in the book. They denied a legitimate point of order that would have returned the bill to committee for cleanup. And they prevented debate of important amendments and issues. In one example, Rep. David Leibowitz (D-San Antonio) filed an amendment requiring builder licensing by TDLR but was told it was filed too late. That was a lie. House rules require amendments to be filed at least 12 hours ahead of time and his was filed almost 24 hours ahead.]*