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SENATOR LARRY TAYLOR BILL REGULATING GAME ROOMS TO BECOME LAW
-Senate Bill 866 Signed By Governor Abbott-

AUSTIN, TEXAS ... Over the weekend, Governor Greg Abbott signed S.B. 866 by Senator Larry Taylor (R-Friendswood) and Representative Greg Bonnen (R-Friendswood), which gives several counties in Texas the ability to regulate game rooms starting September of this year.

"Unregulated game rooms have led to increased public safety issues in Galveston and Brazoria counties," said Sen. Taylor. "By giving law enforcement the ability regulate these establishments, we are ensuring the wellbeing of residents in Senate District 11."

In the 83rd session, a law passed granting Harris County the authority to regulate game rooms. Consequently, some of the illegal establishments have relocated their operations to neighboring counties. This new law would allow county commissioners in Galveston, Brazoria, Chambers and Webb counties to have the same ability.

Sen. Larry Taylor represents Senate District 11, comprised of parts of Brazoria, Galveston, and Harris Counties. Before his election to the Texas Senate in 2012, Sen. Taylor served five terms in the Texas House of Representatives.
<http://www.senate.state.tx.us/75r/senate/members/dist11/dist11.htm>

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