

By: Hancock

S.B. No. 877

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the inspection of municipal buildings during a declared disaster.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter G, Chapter 214, Local Government Code, is amended by adding Section 214.220 to read as follows:

Sec. 214.220. INSPECTION DURING DECLARED DISASTER. (a) In an area of a municipality that is subject to a declaration of disaster by the governor under Chapter 418, Government Code, or a declaration of local disaster under that chapter, a building inspection for compliance with this subchapter or related municipal regulations may, while the declaration is in effect, be performed by:

(1) a person certified to inspect buildings by the International Code Council;

(2) a person employed as a building inspector by the municipality in which the building is located; or

(3) a person employed as a building inspector by any political subdivision, if the municipality in which the building is located has approved the person to perform inspections during a disaster.

(b) A municipality may not collect an inspection fee related to the inspection of a building performed under Subsection (a).

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives

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1 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
2 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
3 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
4 Act takes effect September 1, 2021.