

1-1 By: Lozano (Senate Sponsor - Alvarado) H.B. No. 4073
 1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House April 17, 2023;
 1-3 April 18, 2023, read first time and referred to Committee on Local
 1-4 Government; May 10, 2023, reported favorably by the following
 1-5 vote: Yeas 9, Nays 0; May 10, 2023, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-7 Bettencourt	X			
1-8 Springer	X			
1-9 Eckhardt	X			
1-10 Gutierrez	X			
1-11 Hall	X			
1-12 Nichols	X			
1-13 Parker	X			
1-14 Paxton	X			
1-15 West	X			

1-17 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-18 AN ACT

1-19 relating to the renewal of certain expired certificates issued by
 1-20 the Texas Commission on Fire Protection; authorizing a fee.

1-21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-22 SECTION 1. Section 419.0341, Government Code, is amended by
 1-23 amending Subsection (e) and adding Subsection (e-1) to read as
 1-24 follows:

1-25 (e) If the person's certificate has been expired for more
 1-26 than five years [~~one year or longer~~], the person may not renew the
 1-27 certificate. The person may obtain a new certificate by submitting
 1-28 to the proficiency examination or repeating the requirements and
 1-29 procedures for obtaining an original certificate. The commission
 1-30 shall charge a fee to cover the cost of administering the
 1-31 proficiency examination.

1-32 (e-1) If the person's certificate has been expired for more
 1-33 than one year but not more than five years, the person may renew the
 1-34 certificate in accordance with rules established by the commission.
 1-35 The commission by rule shall establish:

1-36 (1) a system for renewing a certificate under this
 1-37 subsection;

1-38 (2) a list of criteria a person must satisfy to renew a
 1-39 certificate under this subsection; and

1-40 (3) a fee for renewing a certificate under this
 1-41 subsection.

1-42 SECTION 2. The changes in law made by this Act apply only to
 1-43 a certificate that expires in accordance with rules adopted by the
 1-44 Texas Commission on Fire Protection under Section 419.033,
 1-45 Government Code, on or after January 1, 2024. A certificate that
 1-46 expires before January 1, 2024, is governed by the law in effect
 1-47 immediately before the effective date of this Act, and the former
 1-48 law is continued in effect for that purpose.

1-49 SECTION 3. Not later than January 1, 2024, the Texas
 1-50 Commission on Fire Protection shall adopt rules providing for the
 1-51 renewal of a certificate under Section 419.0341(e-1), Government
 1-52 Code, as added by this Act.

1-53 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.

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