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S.B. No. 650

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the licensing requirements for certain operators of
wastewater systems and public water systems.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 37, Water Code, is amended by adding
Section 37.0045 to read as follows:

Sec. 37.0045. QUALIFICATIONS FOR CERTAIN LICENSES. (a)
This section applies only to a Class D license for wastewater
operators or public water system operators.

(b) In adopting educational attainment standards associated
with the issuance of a license, the commission by rule shall
establish a provisional certification program by which a person who
does not possess a high school diploma or its equivalent may act as
a provisional operator if the person:

(1) has completed all commission-required training
associated with the license;

(2) has passed any commission-required examinations
associated with the license; and

(3) acts under the direct supervision of a license
holder.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.