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S.B. No. 2512

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to eligibility requirements under the owner-builder loan program.

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

SECTION 1. Section 2306.753(b), Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

(b) To be eligible for a loan under this subchapter, an owner-builder:

(1) may not have an annual income that exceeds 80 [~~60~~] percent, as determined by the department, of the greater of the state or local median family income, when combined with the income of any person who resides with the owner-builder;

(2) must have resided in this state for the preceding six months;

(3) must have successfully completed an owner-builder education class under Section 2306.756; and

(4) must agree to:

(A) provide through personal labor at least 65 percent of the labor necessary to build or rehabilitate the proposed housing by working through a state-certified owner-builder housing program;

(B) provide an amount of personal labor equivalent to the amount required under Paragraph (A) in connection with building or rehabilitating housing for others through a

1 state-certified owner-builder housing program;

2 (C) provide through the noncontract labor of
3 friends, family, or volunteers and through personal labor at least
4 65 percent of the labor necessary to build or rehabilitate the
5 proposed housing by working through a state-certified
6 owner-builder housing program; or

7 (D) if due to documented disability or other
8 limiting circumstances as defined by department rule the
9 owner-builder cannot provide the amount of personal labor otherwise
10 required by this subdivision, provide through the noncontract labor
11 of friends, family, or volunteers at least 65 percent of the labor
12 necessary to build or rehabilitate the proposed housing by working
13 through a state-certified owner-builder housing program.

14 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
15 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
16 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
17 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
18 Act takes effect September 1, 2023.