

Amend CSHB 61 on page 3, between lines 25 and 26, by inserting the following appropriately numbered section and renumbering the subsequent sections of the bill accordingly:

SECTION \_\_. Subchapter D, Chapter 1702, Occupations Code, is amended by adding Section 1702.0615 to read as follows:

Sec. 1702.0615. PLACEMENT OF PRIORITY ON PROCESSING CERTAIN APPLICATIONS. (a) In performing its functions and duties under this chapter, the board shall place a high priority on processing applications for licenses, security officer commissions, and registrations filed by persons who provide protection for critical infrastructure, as defined by Section 421.001, Government Code.

(b) The board shall act on an application described by Subsection (a) as expeditiously as possible but not later than the 60th day after the date the board receives the application.

(c) This section expires November 1, 2005.