

Amend SB 277 as follows:

(1) Strike SECTION 2 of the bill (House Committee Printing page 1, line 18, through page 4, line 1) and substitute the following:

SECTION 2. Section 1001.057, Occupations Code, is amended by amending Subsection (c) and adding Subsection (d) to read as follows:

(c) A person who claims an exemption under this section and who is determined to have directly or indirectly represented the person as legally qualified to engage in the practice of engineering or who is determined to have violated Section 1001.301 may not claim an exemption until the 10th anniversary of the date the person made that representation or violated that section.

(d) This section does not prohibit:

(1) an engineer who intends to incorporate manufactured products into a fixed work, system, or facility that is being designed by the engineer from requiring the manufacturer to have the plans or specifications for the products signed and sealed by an engineer; or

(2) the board from requiring by rule that certain manufactured products delivered to or used by the public be designed by an engineer and that the plans or specifications for the products be signed and sealed by an engineer.

(2) In SECTION 13 of the bill, in amended Section 1001.204(a)(7), Occupations Code (House Committee Printing page 12, line 5), strike "and".

(3) In SECTION 13 of the bill, in amended Section 1001.204(a)(8), Occupations Code , between "firm" and the underlined period (House Committee Printing page 12, line 6), insert the following:

"; and

(9) inactive status fee"

(4) Between SECTIONS 13 and 14 of the bill (House Committee Printing page 12, between lines 6 and 7), insert the following SECTION, appropriately numbered:

SECTION \_\_\_\_\_. Section 1001.206(c), Occupations Code, is amended to read as follows:

(c) The fee increase imposed by Subsection (a) does not apply to an engineer who:

(1) meets the qualifications for an exemption under Section 1001.057 or 1001.058 but does not claim that exemption; ~~[or]~~

(2) is disabled as described by Section 1001.205; or

(3) is on inactive status as provided by Section 1001.355.

(5) In the recital to SECTION 15 of the bill (House Committee Printing page 13, line 20), strike "1001.214, 1001.215, and 1001.216" and substitute "1001.214 and 1001.215".

(6) In SECTION 15 of the bill (House Committee Printing page 15, line 4, through page 16, line 17), strike proposed Section 1001.216, Occupations Code.

(7) In the recital to SECTION 25 of the bill (House Committee Printing page 28, line 21), strike "Section 1001.354" and substitute "Sections 1001.354 and 1001.355".

(8) At the end of SECTION 25 of the bill, following proposed Section 1001.354, Occupations Code (House Committee Printing page 29, following line 1), add the following:

Sec. 1001.355. INACTIVE STATUS. (a) An engineer may request inactive status at any time before the expiration date of the person's license. A license holder on inactive status may not practice engineering.

(b) A license holder on inactive status must pay an annual fee set by the board.

(c) A license holder on inactive status is not required to:

(1) comply with the continuing education requirements adopted by the board; or

(2) take an examination for reinstatement to active status.

(d) To return to active status, a license holder on inactive status must:

(1) file with the board a written notice requesting reinstatement to active status;

(2) pay the fee for the annual renewal of the license and the fee increase required by Section 1001.206; and

(3) provide evidence satisfactory to the board that the person has complied with the continuing education requirements adopted by the board.

(9) Between SECTIONS 28 and 29 of the bill (House Committee Printing page 31, between lines 9 and 10), insert the following SECTIONS, appropriately numbered:

SECTION \_\_\_\_\_. Section 2, Self-Directed Semi-Independent Agency Project Act (Article 8930, Revised Statutes), is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 2. AGENCY PARTICIPATION. The Texas Board of Professional Engineers as a part of the following agencies shall be continued as an agency that is part of the pilot project ~~[created by this Act]~~÷

- (1) the Texas State Board of Public Accountancy;
- (2) the Texas Board of Professional Engineers; and
- (3) the Texas Board of Architectural Examiners.

SECTION \_\_\_\_\_. Section 4(c), Self-Directed Semi-Independent Agency Project Act (Article 8930, Revised Statutes), is amended to read as follows:

(c) This Act is subject to Chapter 325, Government Code (Texas Sunset Act). Unless continued in existence as provided by that chapter, this Act expires September 1, 2009 ~~[2003]~~.

SECTION \_\_\_\_\_. Section 6(c), Self-Directed Semi-Independent Agency Project Act (Article 8930, Revised Statutes), is amended to read as follows:

(c) The Texas State Board of Public Accountancy shall annually remit \$500,000 to the general revenue fund, the Texas Board of Professional Engineers shall annually remit \$373,900 ~~[\$50,000]~~ to the general revenue fund, and the Texas Board of Architectural Examiners shall annually remit \$700,000 to the general revenue fund.

SECTION \_\_\_\_\_. Section 15(b), Self-Directed Semi-Independent Agency Project Act (Article 8930, Revised Statutes), is amended to read as follows:

(b) If a state agency no longer has status under this Act as a self-directed semi-independent project agency either because of the expiration of this Act or for any other reason, ownership of any

property or other asset acquired by the agency during the time the agency participated in the pilot project, including unexpended and unobligated money [~~fees~~] in a deposit account in the Texas Treasury Safekeeping Trust Company, shall be transferred to the state.

SECTION \_\_\_\_\_. (a) On the effective date of this Act, the Texas State Board of Public Accountancy and the Texas Board of Architectural Examiners are no longer self-directed semi-independent project agencies under the Self-Directed Semi-Independent Agency Project Act (Article 8930, Revised Statutes).

(b) The change in law made by this Act does not affect the obligation of the Texas State Board of Public Accountancy and the Texas Board of Architectural Examiners to remit money to the general revenue fund for the state fiscal year ending August 31, 2003, under Section 6(c), Self-Directed Semi-Independent Agency Project Act (Article 8930, Revised Statutes), as that law existed immediately before the effective date of this Act, and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose.

(10) Renumber the existing SECTIONS of the bill accordingly.