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H.B. No. 1775

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to the duties that may be assigned to certain fire
3 protection personnel.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 419.032(c), Government Code, is amended
6 to read as follows:

7 (c) Fire protection personnel who receive temporary or
8 probationary appointment and who fail to satisfactorily complete a
9 basic course in fire protection, as prescribed by the commission,
10 before one year after the date of the original appointment forfeit,
11 and shall be removed from, the position. A temporary or
12 probationary appointment may not be extended beyond one year by
13 renewal of appointment or otherwise, except that on petition of a
14 fire department one year or more after the date of the forfeiture
15 and removal, the commission may reinstate the person's temporary or
16 probationary employment. Fire protection personnel must complete a
17 commission-approved training course in fire suppression before
18 being assigned full-time to fire suppression or fire-related
19 emergency medical duties. The commission may, on application by a
20 fire department and after receiving the comments and advice of the
21 fire fighter advisory committee, extend from one year to a period
22 not to exceed two years the time allowed for fire protection
23 personnel receiving a temporary or probationary appointment to
24 successfully complete a basic course in fire protection.

1 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2003.