

BILL ANALYSIS

H.B. 1850
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Licensing & Administrative Procedures
Committee Report (Unamended)

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

When a city adopts a plumbing code, the inspections are required to be performed by a plumbing inspector. Many political subdivisions do not have sufficient city personnel to perform the required inspections for construction activity. Political subdivisions may contract with a private company to perform the inspections required by the entity.

Although it seems minor, current law is ambiguous regarding the work procured by a political subdivision. The law currently states that the subdivision must pay the plumbing inspector directly.

H.B. 1850 clarifies the law to allow a political subdivision to contract with any plumbing inspector to perform the required inspections, without having to pay them directly.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, department, agency, or institution.

ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Section 1301.255 (e), Occupations Code, to read as follows:

- (e) Plumbing installed in compliance with a code adopted under Subsection (a), (b), or (d) must be inspected by a plumbing inspector. To perform the inspection, the political subdivision may contract with any plumbing inspector.

SECTION 2. Effective date: September 1, 2007.

EFFECTIVE DATE

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