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1-7 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR H.B. No. 2118 By: Van de Putte

1-8 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-9 AN ACT

1-10 relating to licensing and regulation of residential fire alarm
1-11 technicians and regulation and installation of fire detection and
1-12 alarm devices.

1-13 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-14 SECTION 1. Section 2, Article 5.43-2, Insurance Code, is
1-15 amended by amending Subdivision (8) and adding Subdivision (17) to
1-16 read as follows:

1-17 (8) "Monitoring" means the receipt of fire alarm and
1-18 supervisory signals [~~and retransmission~~] or communication of those
1-19 signals to a fire service communications center that is located in
1-20 this state or serves property in this state.

1-21 (17) "Residential fire alarm technician" means a
1-22 licensed individual who is designated by a registered firm to
1-23 install, service, inspect, and certify residential single-family
1-24 or two-family fire alarm or detection systems.

1-25 SECTION 2. Section 3, Article 5.43-2, Insurance Code, is
1-26 amended by amending Subsection (b) and adding Subsections (d) and
1-27 (e) to read as follows:

1-28 (b) The licensing provisions of this article shall not apply
1-29 to:

1-30 (1) a person or organization in the business of
1-31 building construction that installs electrical wiring and devices
1-32 that may include in part the installation of a fire alarm or
1-33 detection system if:

1-34 (A) the person or organization is a party to a
1-35 contract that provides that the installation will be performed
1-36 under the direct supervision of and certified by a licensed
1-37 employee or agent of a firm registered to install and certify such
1-38 an alarm or detection device and that the registered firm assumes
1-39 full responsibility for the installation of the alarm or detection
1-40 device; and

1-41 (B) the person or organization does not plan,
1-42 certify, lease, sell, service, or maintain fire alarms or detection
1-43 devices or systems;

1-44 (2) a person or organization that owns and installs
1-45 fire detection or fire alarm devices on the person's or
1-46 organization's own property or, if the person or organization does
1-47 not charge for the device or its installation, installs it for the
1-48 protection of the person's or organization's personal property
1-49 located on another's property and does not install the devices as a
1-50 normal business practice on the property of another;

1-51 (3) a person who holds a license or other form of
1-52 permission issued by an incorporated city or town to practice as an
1-53 electrician and who installs fire or smoke detection and alarm
1-54 devices in no building other than a single family or multifamily
1-55 residence if:

1-56 (A) the devices installed are:

1-57 (i) single station detectors; or

1-58 (ii) multiple station detectors capable of

1-59 being connected in such a manner that actuation of one detector
1-60 causes all integral or separate alarms to operate, if the detectors
1-61 are not connected to a control panel or to an outside alarm, do not
1-62 transmit a signal off the premises, and do not use more than 120
1-63 volts; and

2-1 (B) all installations comply with provisions of
2-2 the adopted edition of [~~Household Fire Warning Equipment,~~] National
2-3 Fire Protection Association Standard No. 72 [~~74~~];

2-4 (4) a person or organization that sells fire detection
2-5 or fire alarm devices if the sales are exclusively over-the-counter
2-6 or by mail order and if the person or organization does not plan,
2-7 certify, install, service, or maintain this equipment;

2-8 (5) response to a fire alarm or detection device by a
2-9 law enforcement agency or fire department or by a law enforcement
2-10 officer or fireman acting in an official capacity;

2-11 (6) a Texas registered professional engineer acting
2-12 solely in his professional capacity;

2-13 (7) a person or an organization that provides and
2-14 installs at no charge to the property owners or residents a
2-15 battery-powered smoke detector in a single-family or two-family
2-16 residence if:

2-17 (A) the smoke detector bears a label of listing
2-18 or approval by a testing laboratory approved by the State Board of
2-19 Insurance;

2-20 (B) the installation complies with provisions of
2-21 the adopted edition of National Fire Protection Association
2-22 Standard No. 72 [~~74~~];

2-23 (C) the installers are knowledgeable in fire
2-24 protection and the proper use of smoke detectors; and

2-25 (D) the detector is a single station installation
2-26 and not a part of or connected to any other detection device or
2-27 system;

2-28 (8) an [~~a regular~~] employee of a registered firm who is
2-29 under the direct on-site supervision of a licensee;

2-30 (9) a building owner, the owner's managing agent, or
2-31 their employees who install battery-operated single-station smoke
2-32 detectors or who monitor fire alarm or fire detection devices or
2-33 systems in the owner's building, and in which the monitoring is
2-34 performed at the owner's property and monitored at no charge to the
2-35 occupants of the building, and complies with applicable standards
2-36 of the National Fire Protection Association as may be adopted by
2-37 rule promulgated under this Act, and utilizes equipment approved by
2-38 a testing laboratory approved by the State Board of Insurance for
2-39 fire alarm monitoring;

2-40 (10) a person employed by a registered firm that sells
2-41 and installs a smoke or heat detector in a single-family or
2-42 two-family residence if:

2-43 (A) the detector bears a label of listing or
2-44 approval by a testing laboratory approved by the State Board of
2-45 Insurance;

2-46 (B) the installation complies with provisions of
2-47 the adopted edition of National Fire Protection Association
2-48 Standard No. 72 [~~74~~];

2-49 (C) the installers are knowledgeable in fire
2-50 protection and the proper use and placement of detectors; and

2-51 (D) the detector is a single station installation
2-52 and not a part of or connected to any other detection device or
2-53 system; or

2-54 (11) a person or organization licensed to install or
2-55 service burglar alarms under Chapter 1702, Occupations Code, [the
2-56 Private Investigators and Private Security Agencies Act (Article
2-57 4413(29bb), Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes] that provides and
2-58 installs in a single-family or two-family residence a combination
2-59 keypad that includes a panic button to initiate a fire alarm signal
2-60 if the fire alarm signal:

2-61 (A) is monitored by a fire alarm firm registered
2-62 under this article; and

2-63 (B) is not initiated by any fire or smoke
2-64 detection device.

2-65 (d) A political subdivision may not require a registered
2-66 firm, a licensee, or an employee of a registered firm to maintain a
2-67 business location or residency within that political subdivision to
2-68 engage in a business or perform any activity authorized under this
2-69 article.

3-1 (e) A municipality or county may by ordinance require a
3-2 registered firm to make a telephone call to a monitored property
3-3 before the firm notifies the municipality or county of an alarm
3-4 signal received by the firm from a fire detection device.

3-5 SECTION 3. Section 5, Article 5.43-2, Insurance Code, is
3-6 amended by adding Subsection (c-1) to read as follows:

3-7 (c-1) A residential fire alarm technician must obtain a
3-8 license issued by the board. The amount of the initial fee for the
3-9 license may not exceed \$50, and the amount of the annual license
3-10 renewal fee may not exceed \$50.

3-11 SECTION 4. Sections 5B(e) and (f), Article 5.43-2,
3-12 Insurance Code, are amended to read as follows:

3-13 (e) For a person who is licensed to install or service
3-14 burglar alarms under Chapter 1702, Occupations Code [~~the Private~~
3-15 ~~Investigators and Private Security Agencies Act, as amended~~
3-16 ~~(Article 4413(29bb), Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes)], compliance~~
3-17 ~~with the insurance requirements of that chapter [Act] constitutes~~
3-18 ~~compliance with the insurance requirements of this section if the~~
3-19 ~~insurance held by the person complies with the requirements of this~~
3-20 ~~section in amounts and types of coverage.~~

3-21 (f) For a person who is licensed to install or service
3-22 burglar alarms under Chapter 1702, Occupations Code [~~the Private~~
3-23 ~~Investigators and Private Security Agencies Act, as amended~~
3-24 ~~(Article 4413(29bb), Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes)], compliance~~
3-25 ~~with the bond and insurance requirements of that chapter [Act]~~
3-26 ~~constitutes compliance with the bond and insurance requirements of~~
3-27 ~~this section.~~

3-28 SECTION 5. Section 5D, Article 5.43-2, Insurance Code, is
3-29 amended by adding Subsection (a-2) and amending Subsection (d) to
3-30 read as follows:

3-31 (a-2) An applicant for a residential fire alarm technician
3-32 license must provide with the required license application evidence
3-33 of the applicant's successful completion of the required
3-34 instruction from a training school approved by the State Fire
3-35 Marshal in accordance with this section.

3-36 (d) The training curriculum for a residential fire alarm
3-37 technician course shall consist of at least eight hours of
3-38 instruction on installing, servicing, and maintaining
3-39 single-family and two-family residential fire alarm systems as
3-40 defined by National Fire Protection Association Standard No. 72
3-41 [The training curriculum for a fire alarm technician and a
3-42 residential fire alarm superintendent course shall consist of 16
3-43 hours of classroom instruction on all categories of licensure].

3-44 SECTION 6. Article 5.43-2, Insurance Code, is amended by
3-45 adding Section 5G to read as follows:

3-46 Sec. 5G. CONFIDENTIALITY OF RECORDS. Records maintained by
3-47 the department under this article on the home address, home
3-48 telephone number, driver's license number, or social security
3-49 number of an applicant or a license or registration holder are
3-50 confidential and are not subject to mandatory disclosure under
3-51 Chapter 552, Government Code.

3-52 SECTION 7. Section 6A, Article 5.43-2, Insurance Code, is
3-53 amended by adding Subsection (c) to read as follows:

3-54 (c) The commissioner may not adopt a rule to administer this
3-55 article that requires a person who holds a license under this
3-56 article to obtain additional certification that imposes a financial
3-57 responsibility on the licensee.

3-58 SECTION 8. Section 7, Article 5.43-2, Insurance Code, is
3-59 amended by amending Subsection (b) and adding Subsection (f) to
3-60 read as follows:

3-61 (b) Except as provided by Subsection (c), a political
3-62 subdivision may not offer [~~residential~~] alarm system sales,
3-63 service, installation, or monitoring unless it has been providing
3-64 monitoring services [~~to residences~~] within the boundaries of the
3-65 political subdivision as of September 1, 1999. Any fee charged by
3-66 the political subdivision may not exceed the cost of the
3-67 monitoring.

3-68 (f) A residential fire alarm technician may only provide
3-69 direct on-site supervision to an employee of a registered firm for

4-1 work performed under this article in a single-family or two-family
4-2 dwelling.

4-3 SECTION 9. Sections 9(d) and (e), Article 5.43-2, Insurance
4-4 Code, are amended to read as follows:

4-5 (d) No fire detection or fire alarm device may be sold or
4-6 installed in this state unless accompanied by printed information
4-7 supplied to the owner by the supplier or installing contractor
4-8 concerning:

4-9 (1) instructions describing the installation,
4-10 operation, testing, and proper maintenance of the device;

4-11 (2) information which will aid in establishing an
4-12 emergency evacuation plan for the protected premises; ~~and~~

4-13 (3) the telephone number and location, including
4-14 notification procedures, of the nearest fire department; and

4-15 (4) information that will aid in reducing the number
4-16 of false fire alarms.

4-17 (e) Each registered firm that employs persons that are
4-18 exempt from the licensing provisions of this article pursuant to
4-19 Section 3(b)(10) of this article is required to appropriately train
4-20 and supervise such exempt persons so as to ensure that each
4-21 installation complies with the adopted provisions of National Fire
4-22 Protection Association Standard No. 72 [74] or other adopted
4-23 standards, that each smoke or heat detector installed or sold
4-24 carries a label or listing of approval by a testing laboratory
4-25 approved by the State Board of Insurance, and that such exempt
4-26 persons are knowledgeable in fire protection and the proper use and
4-27 placement of detectors.

4-28 SECTION 10. Subtitle A, Title 9, Health and Safety Code, is
4-29 amended by adding Chapter 766 to read as follows:

4-30 CHAPTER 766. FIRE SAFETY IN RESIDENTIAL DWELLINGS

4-31 Sec. 766.001. DEFINITIONS. In this chapter:

4-32 (1) "Carbon monoxide alarm" means a device that
4-33 detects and sounds an alarm to indicate the presence of a harmful
4-34 level of carbon monoxide gas.

4-35 (2) "Department" means the Texas Department of
4-36 Insurance.

4-37 (3) "Fossil fuel" includes coal, kerosene, oil, wood,
4-38 fuel gases, and other petroleum or hydrocarbon products.

4-39 (4) "One-family or two-family dwelling" means a
4-40 structure that has one or two residential units that are occupied
4-41 as, or designed or intended for occupancy as, a residence by
4-42 individuals.

4-43 (5) "Smoke detector" means a device or a listed
4-44 component of a system that detects and sounds an alarm to indicate
4-45 the presence of visible or invisible products of combustion in the
4-46 air.

4-47 (6) "Smoke detector for hearing-impaired persons" has
4-48 the meaning assigned by Section 792.001.

4-49 Sec. 766.002. SMOKE DETECTOR REQUIREMENT. (a) Each
4-50 one-family or two-family dwelling constructed in this state must
4-51 have working smoke detectors installed in the dwelling in
4-52 accordance with the smoke detector requirements of the building
4-53 code in effect in the political subdivision in which the dwelling is
4-54 located, including performance, location, and power source
4-55 requirements.

4-56 (b) If a one-family or two-family dwelling does not comply
4-57 with the smoke detector requirements of the building code in effect
4-58 in the political subdivision in which the dwelling is located, any
4-59 home improvement to the dwelling that requires the issuance of a
4-60 building permit must include the installation of smoke detectors in
4-61 accordance with the building code in effect in the political
4-62 subdivision in which the dwelling is located, including
4-63 performance, location, and power source requirements.

4-64 (c) Any smoke detector required under the building code in
4-65 effect in the political subdivision must be a smoke detector for a
4-66 hearing-impaired person if a one-family or two-family dwelling is
4-67 sold to a buyer who is a hearing-impaired person or to a buyer who
4-68 has a family member who will reside in the dwelling who is a
4-69 hearing-impaired person.

5-1 Sec. 766.0025. FRATERNITY AND SORORITY HOUSES. (a) In
5-2 this section, "fraternity or sorority house" means a dwelling that:
5-3 (1) is a separate structure and that is not a multiunit
5-4 residential property composed of multiple independent residential
5-5 units; and

5-6 (2) serves as living quarters for members of a
5-7 fraternity or sorority.

5-8 (b) The owner of a fraternity or sorority house must have
5-9 working smoke detectors installed in the fraternity house or
5-10 sorority house in accordance with the smoke detector requirements
5-11 of the building code in effect in the political subdivision in which
5-12 the fraternity or sorority house is located, including performance,
5-13 location, and power source requirements.

5-14 Sec. 766.003. INFORMATION RELATING TO FIRE SAFETY AND
5-15 CARBON MONOXIDE DANGERS. (a) The department shall prepare
5-16 information of public interest relating to:

5-17 (1) fire safety in the home; and

5-18 (2) the dangers of carbon monoxide.

5-19 (b) The information must inform the public about:

5-20 (1) ways to prevent fires in the home, and actions to
5-21 take if a fire occurs in the home;

5-22 (2) the need to test smoke detectors every month to
5-23 ensure the smoke detector is working;

5-24 (3) replacing the battery in a battery-operated smoke
5-25 detector every six months;

5-26 (4) the need to have fire safety equipment in the home,
5-27 including fire extinguishers and emergency escape ladders;

5-28 (5) the need to develop and practice a fire escape
5-29 plan;

5-30 (6) the availability of carbon monoxide detectors;

5-31 (7) using carbon monoxide alarms as a backup to
5-32 prevent carbon monoxide poisoning; and

5-33 (8) the need to properly use and maintain fossil
5-34 fuel-burning appliances.

5-35 (c) The department shall distribute the information
5-36 described by this section to the public in any manner the department
5-37 determines is cost-effective, including providing the information
5-38 on the department's Internet website and publishing informational
5-39 pamphlets.

5-40 SECTION 11. Subsection (b), Section 5.008, Property Code,
5-41 is amended to read as follows:

5-42 (b) The notice must be executed and must, at a minimum, read
5-43 substantially similar to the following:

5-44 SELLER'S DISCLOSURE NOTICE
5-45 CONCERNING THE PROPERTY AT _____

(Street Address and City)

5-47 THIS NOTICE IS A DISCLOSURE OF SELLER'S KNOWLEDGE
5-48 OF THE CONDITION OF THE PROPERTY AS OF THE DATE SIGNED
5-49 BY SELLER AND IS NOT A SUBSTITUTE FOR ANY INSPECTIONS
5-50 OR WARRANTIES THE PURCHASER MAY WISH TO OBTAIN. IT IS
5-51 NOT A WARRANTY OF ANY KIND BY SELLER OR SELLER'S
5-52 AGENTS.

5-53 Seller ___ is ___ is not occupying the Property.

5-54 If unoccupied, how long since Seller has occupied the Property?

5-55 _____
5-56 1. The Property has the items checked below:

5-57 Write Yes (Y), No (N), or Unknown (U).

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|------------------------------|----------------------------------|------------------------------|
| 5-58 <u>___ Range</u> | 5-58 <u>___ Oven</u> | 5-58 <u>___ Microwave</u> |
| 5-59 <u>___ Dishwasher</u> | 5-59 <u>___ Trash Compactor</u> | 5-59 <u>___ Disposal</u> |
| 5-60 <u>___ Washer/Dryer</u> | 5-60 <u>___ Window</u> | 5-60 <u>___ Rain Gutters</u> |
| 5-61 <u>___ Hookups</u> | 5-61 <u>___ Screens</u> | |
| 5-62 <u>___ Security</u> | 5-62 <u>___ Fire Detection</u> | 5-62 <u>___ Intercom</u> |
| 5-63 <u>System</u> | 5-63 <u>Equipment</u> | 5-63 <u>System</u> |
| | 5-64 <u>___ Smoke Detector</u> | |
| | 5-65 <u>___ Smoke Detector -</u> | |
| | 5-66 <u>___ Hearing Impaired</u> | |
| | 5-67 <u>___ Carbon Monoxide</u> | |
| | 5-68 <u>Alarm</u> | |
| | 5-69 <u>___ Emergency Escape</u> | |

- 6-1 Ladder(s)
- 6-2 TV Antenna Cable TV Satellite
- 6-3 Wiring Dish
- 6-4 Ceiling Fan(s) Attic Fan(s) Exhaust
- 6-5 Fan(s)
- 6-6 Central A/C Central Heating Wall/Window
- 6-7 Air
- 6-8 Conditioning
- 6-9 Plumbing System Septic System Public Sewer
- 6-10 System
- 6-11 Patio/Decking Outdoor Grill Fences
- 6-12 Pool Sauna Spa
- 6-13 Hot Tub
- 6-14 Pool Equipment Pool Heater Automatic Lawn
- 6-15 Sprinkler
- 6-16 System
- 6-17 Fireplace(s) & Fireplace(s) &
- 6-18 Chimney Chimney
- 6-19 (Woodburning) (Mock)
- 6-20 Gas Lines Gas Fixtures
- 6-21 (Nat./LP)
- 6-22 Garage: Attached Not Attached Carport
- 6-23 Garage Door Opener(s): Electronic Control(s)
- 6-24 Water Heater: Gas Electric
- 6-25 Water Supply: City Well MUD Co-op
- 6-26 Roof Type: _____ Age: _____(approx)
- 6-27 Are you (Seller) aware of any of the above items that are not in
- 6-28 working condition, that have known defects, or that are in need of
- 6-29 repair? Yes No Unknown.
- 6-30 If yes, then describe. (Attach additional sheets if necessary):
- 6-31 _____
- 6-32 _____
- 6-33 2. Does the property have working smoke detectors installed in
- 6-34 accordance with the smoke detector requirements of Chapter 766,
- 6-35 Health and Safety Code? Yes No Unknown.
- 6-36 If the answer to the question above is no or unknown, explain.
- 6-37 (Attach additional sheets if necessary):
- 6-38 _____
- 6-39 _____
- 6-40 3. Are you (Seller) aware of any known defect/malfunctions in any
- 6-41 of the following?
- 6-42 Write Yes (Y) if you are aware, write No (N) if you are not aware.
- 6-43 Interior Walls Ceilings Floors
- 6-44 Exterior Walls Doors Windows
- 6-45 Roof Foundation/
6-46 Slab(s) Basement
- 6-47 Walls/Fences Driveways Sidewalks
- 6-48 Plumbing/Sewers/
6-49 Septics Electrical Lighting
- 6-49 Systems Fixtures
- 6-50 Other Structural Components (Describe): _____
- 6-51 _____
- 6-52 _____
- 6-53 If the answer to any of the above is yes, explain. (Attach
- 6-54 additional sheets if necessary): _____
- 6-55 _____
- 6-56 _____
- 6-57 4 [3]. Are you (Seller) aware of any of the following conditions?
- 6-58 Write Yes (Y) if you are aware, write No (N) if you are not aware.
- 6-59 Active Termites Previous Structural
- 6-60 (includes or Roof Repair
- 6-61 wood-destroying insects)
- 6-62 Termite or Wood Rot Hazardous or Toxic Waste
- 6-63 Damage Needing Repair
- 6-64 Previous Termite Damage Asbestos Components
- 6-65 Previous Termite Urea formaldehyde
- 6-66 Treatment Insulation
- 6-67 Previous Flooding Radon Gas
- 6-68 Improper Drainage Lead Based Paint
- 6-69 Water Penetration Aluminum Wiring

7-1 Located in 100-Year Previous Fires
 7-2 Floodplain
 7-3 Present Flood Insurance Unplatted Easements
 7-4 Coverage
 7-5 Landfill, Settling, Soil Subsurface
 7-6 Movement, Fault Lines Structure or Pits
 7-7 If the answer to any of the above is yes, explain. (Attach
 7-8 additional sheets if necessary): _____
 7-9 _____

7-10 _____
 7-11 5 [4]. Are you (Seller) aware of any item, equipment, or system in
 7-12 or on the property that is in need of repair? Yes (if you are
 7-13 aware) No (if you are not aware). If yes, explain (attach
 7-14 additional sheets as necessary). _____

7-15 6 [5]. Are you (Seller) aware of any of the following?
 7-16 Write Yes (Y) if you are aware, write No (N) if you are not aware.
 7-17 Room additions, structural modifications, or other
 7-18 alterations or repairs made without necessary permits or not
 7-19 in compliance with building codes in effect at that time.
 7-20 Homeowners' Association or maintenance fees or assessments.
 7-21 Any "common area" (facilities such as pools, tennis courts,
 7-22 walkways, or other areas) co-owned in undivided interest with
 7-23 others.
 7-24 Any notices of violations of deed restrictions or
 7-25 governmental ordinances affecting the condition or use of the
 7-26 Property.
 7-27 Any lawsuits directly or indirectly affecting the Property.
 7-28 Any condition on the Property which materially affects the
 7-29 physical health or safety of an individual.

7-30 If the answer to any of the above is yes, explain. (Attach
 7-31 additional sheets if necessary): _____
 7-32 _____
 7-33 _____
 7-34 _____

7-35 Date _____ Signature of Seller _____
 7-36 The undersigned purchaser hereby acknowledges receipt of the
 7-37 foregoing notice and acknowledges the property complies with the
 7-38 smoke detector requirements of Chapter 766, Health and Safety Code
 7-39 or if the property does not comply with the smoke detector
 7-40 requirements of Chapter 766, the buyer waives the buyer's rights to
 7-41 have smoke detectors installed in compliance with Chapter 766.
 7-42 _____

7-43 Date _____ Signature of Purchaser _____
 7-44 SECTION 12. Subchapter F, Chapter 92, Property Code, is
 7-45 amended by adding Section 92.2571 to read as follows:
 7-46 Sec. 92.2571. ALTERNATIVE COMPLIANCE. A landlord complies
 7-47 with the requirements of this subchapter relating to the provision
 7-48 of smoke detectors in the dwelling unit if the landlord:
 7-49 (1) has a fire detection device, as defined by Article
 7-50 5.43-2, Insurance Code, that includes a smoke detection device
 7-51 installed in a dwelling unit; or
 7-52 (2) for a dwelling unit that is a one-family or
 7-53 two-family dwelling unit, installs smoke detectors in compliance
 7-54 with Chapter 766, Health and Safety Code.

7-55 SECTION 13. The change in law made by this Act to Section
 7-56 5.008, Property Code, applies only to a notice executed on or after
 7-57 the effective date of this Act. A notice executed before the
 7-58 effective date of this Act is governed by the law in effect
 7-59 immediately before that date, and that law is continued in effect
 7-60 for that purpose.

7-61 SECTION 14. (a) Not later than March 1, 2008, the
 7-62 commissioner of insurance shall adopt the rules and forms necessary
 7-63 to implement the changes in law made by this Act to Article 5.43-2,
 7-64 Insurance Code.

7-65 (b) Notwithstanding Article 5.43-2, Insurance Code, a
 7-66 residential fire alarm technician is not required to obtain a
 7-67 license under that article before June 1, 2008.

7-68 SECTION 15. This Act takes effect September 1, 2007.
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