

Amend SB 1410 (house committee report) as follows:

(1) In the recital to SECTION 1 of the bill (page 1, line 6), strike "Subdivision (9-a)" and substitute "Subdivisions (5-a) and (9-a)".

(2) In SECTION 1 of the bill, in amended Section 1301.002, Occupations Code, between amended Subdivisions (5) and (6) of that section (page 2, between lines 25 and 26), insert the following:

(5-a) "Multipurpose residential fire protection sprinkler specialist" means a person who holds an endorsement issued under Section 1301.3565.

(3) Add the following appropriately numbered SECTIONS to the bill and renumber subsequent SECTIONS of the bill accordingly:

SECTION \_\_\_\_\_. Section 1301.352, Occupations Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 1301.352. EXAMINATION REQUIRED. The board shall issue a license or endorsement as a master plumber, journeyman plumber, plumbing inspector, tradesman plumber-limited license holder, medical gas piping installation endorsement holder, ~~[or]~~ water supply protection specialist, or multipurpose residential fire protection sprinkler specialist to a person who demonstrates the fitness, competence, and qualifications to receive the license or endorsement by passing a uniform, reasonable examination.

SECTION \_\_\_\_\_. Subchapter G, Chapter 1301, Occupations Code, is amended by adding Section 1301.3565 to read as follows:

Sec. 1301.3565. ENDORSEMENT: MULTIPURPOSE RESIDENTIAL FIRE PROTECTION SPRINKLER SPECIALIST. (a) A person may not engage in the installation of a multipurpose residential fire protection sprinkler system that uses a single piping system to provide potable water for fire protection sprinklers and for domestic plumbing fixtures and appliances unless the person:

(1) is licensed under this chapter as a master plumber or journeyman plumber; and

(2) holds an endorsement issued under this section.

(b) The board shall issue an endorsement as a multipurpose residential fire protection sprinkler specialist to a person who:

(1) holds the license described by Subsection (a);

(2) applies to the board on a form prescribed by the

board;

(3) pays a fee set by the board;

(4) presents evidence satisfactory to the board of successful completion of a training program approved by the board that provides the training necessary for the proper installation of a multipurpose residential fire protection sprinkler system as required by the applicable codes and standards recognized by the state; and

(5) passes an examination required by the board.

(c) An endorsement issued under this section is valid until the third anniversary of the date of issuance and may be renewed on compliance with any requirements prescribed by board rule.

(d) A person who holds an endorsement under this section may represent to the public that the person is a multipurpose residential fire protection sprinkler specialist.

(e) Notwithstanding any other law, a person who holds an endorsement under this section is not required to hold a license or registration issued by another state agency in order to install a multipurpose residential fire protection sprinkler system.

(f) A plumbing inspector who meets the requirements of the board may inspect a multipurpose residential fire protection sprinkler installation.

SECTION \_\_\_\_\_. The Texas State Board of Plumbing Examiners shall collaborate with the state fire marshal in adopting rules necessary to implement Section 1301.3565, Occupations Code, as added by this Act.

SECTION \_\_\_\_\_. (a) Not later than February 1, 2010, the Texas State Board of Plumbing Examiners shall adopt rules necessary to implement Section 1301.3565, Occupations Code, as added by this Act.

(b) Not later than March 1, 2010, the Texas State Board of Plumbing Examiners shall begin administering examinations and issuing multipurpose residential fire protection sprinkler specialist endorsements under Section 1301.3565, Occupations Code, as added by this Act.

(4) Strike SECTION 12 of the bill (page 8, line 10) and substitute the following appropriately numbered SECTION:

SECTION \_\_\_\_\_. (a) Except as provided by Subsection (b) of this section, this Act takes effect September 1, 2009.

(b) Section 1301.3565(a), Occupations Code, as added by this Act, takes effect June 1, 2010.