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H.B. No. 1340

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT
2 relating to an exemption from Texas Commission on Fire Protection
3 training requirements for certain aircraft fire fighting and rescue
4 fire protection personnel.

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

6 SECTION 1. Section 419.038, Government Code, is amended by
7 amending Subsection (a) and adding Subsection (d) to read as
8 follows:

9 (a) The commission shall adopt requirements for
10 certification of aircraft fire fighting and rescue fire protection
11 personnel. A person may not be appointed to an aircraft fire
12 fighting and rescue fire protection personnel position, except on a
13 probationary basis, unless the person:

14 (1) has completed the training prescribed by the
15 commission; or

16 (2) meets the requirements of Subsection (d).

17 (d) A person is considered to have satisfied the training
18 requirements of this section and may be appointed to an aircraft
19 fire fighting and rescue fire protection personnel position if the
20 person is employed at an airport that:

21 (1) is classified as a Class IV airport under 14 C.F.R.
22 Part 139; and

23 (2) holds an Airport Operating Certificate issued
24 under 14 C.F.R. Part 139.

1 SECTION 2. The changes in law made by this Act apply to
2 aircraft fire fighting and rescue fire protection personnel
3 appointed under Section 419.038, Government Code, without regard to
4 whether the personnel were appointed on, before, or after the
5 effective date of this Act.

6 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
7 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
8 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
9 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
10 Act takes effect September 1, 2009.