

AN ACT

relating to continuing education requirements for persons holding licenses issued by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality.

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

SECTION 1. Section 37.008, Water Code, is amended by amending Subsection (c) and adding Subsection (d) to read as follows:

(c) The commission may recognize, prepare, or administer continuing education programs for license holders, including continuing education programs made available through the Internet.

(d) The commission by rule shall provide a method for a person who holds a license prescribed by Section 26.0301 of this code or Section 341.033 or 341.034, Health and Safety Code, to certify at the time the license is renewed that the license holder has complied with the commission's continuing education requirements.

SECTION 2. Not later than December 1, 2011, the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality shall adopt rules implementing Section 37.008(d), Water Code, as added by this Act. The rules must provide a method by which the holder of a Class A or Class B public water system operator or domestic wastewater treatment facility operator license may certify the holder's compliance with continuing education requirements.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2011.

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President of the Senate

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 965 was passed by the House on April 7, 2011, by the following vote: Yeas 144, Nays 0, 1 present, not voting.

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Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 965 was passed by the Senate on May 12, 2011, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

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Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

Date

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Governor