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H.B. No. 1804

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to certificates of insurance required for certain plumbing contractors.

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

SECTION 1. Section 1301.552, Occupations Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 1301.552. CERTIFICATE OF INSURANCE FOR PLUMBING PERMIT IN POLITICAL SUBDIVISION. A political subdivision that requires a plumbing contractor to obtain a permit before performing plumbing in the political subdivision shall verify through the board's Internet website, or by contacting the board by telephone, that the plumbing contractor has on file with the board a certificate of insurance. The certificate of insurance must:

(1) be written by an insurer authorized to engage in the [a company licensed to do] business of insurance in this state or an eligible surplus lines insurer, as defined by Section 981.002, Insurance Code;

(2) provide for commercial general liability insurance for the master plumber for a claim for property damage or bodily injury, regardless of whether the claim arises from negligence or on a contract; and

(3) provide coverage of not less than \$300,000 for all claims arising in a one-year period.

SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act to Section

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1 1301.552, Occupations Code, applies only to a permit issued on or
2 after the effective date of this Act. A permit issued before the
3 effective date of this Act is governed by the law in effect on the
4 date the permit is issued, and the former law is continued in effect
5 for that purpose.

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