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H.B. No. 2376

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the regulation of plumbing.

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

SECTION 1. Section 1301.304, Occupations Code, is amended by adding Subsection (d) to read as follows:

(d) Unless a threat to health or safety exists, the board may not investigate a complaint in which the person filing the complaint and the person who is the subject of the complaint are engaged in litigation related to the subject matter of the complaint until the outcome of the litigation is finally determined.

SECTION 2. 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 responsible master plumber or an agent of a responsible master plumber [~~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 responsible master plumber [~~plumbing contractor~~] has on file with the board a certificate of insurance. The certificate of insurance must:

(1) be written by a company licensed to do business in this state;

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

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

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