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H.B. No. 1108

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the services that a registered drain cleaner may perform without the supervision of a licensed master plumber.

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

SECTION 1. Section 1301.002(2), Occupations Code, is amended to read as follows:

(2) "Drain cleaner" means a person who:

(A) has completed at least 4,000 hours working under the supervision of a master plumber as a drain cleaner-restricted registrant;

(B) has fulfilled the requirements of and is registered with the board; and

(C) installs cleanouts and removes and resets p-traps to eliminate obstructions in building drains and sewers ~~[under the supervision of a responsible master plumber]~~.

SECTION 2. Section 1301.351, Occupations Code, is amended by amending Subsections (a) and (a-2) and adding Subsection (d) to read as follows:

(a) Except as provided by Subsection (d), a ~~[A]~~ person, other than a responsible master plumber, may not engage in plumbing unless:

(1) the person holds the proper license, registration, or endorsement required by this chapter; and

(2) the person's work is supervised and controlled by a

1 person licensed under this chapter.

2 (a-2) Except as provided by Subsection (d), a [A] person
3 that advertises or otherwise offers to perform or provide plumbing
4 must secure the services of a responsible master plumber.

5 (d) A drain cleaner may:

6 (1) install cleanouts and remove and reset p-traps to
7 eliminate obstructions in building drains and sewers; and

8 (2) advertise and offer to perform or provide drain
9 cleaning services as described by Subdivision (1).

10 SECTION 3. The changes in law made by this Act apply only to
11 services performed on or after the effective date of this Act.
12 Services performed before the effective date of this Act are
13 governed by the law in effect on the date the services were
14 performed, and the former law is continued in effect for that
15 purpose.

16 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2013.