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H.B. No. 1412

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the licensing of certain experienced plumbers as responsible master plumbers.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter G, Chapter 1301, Occupations Code, is amended by adding Section 1301.3523 to read as follows:

Sec. 1301.3523. MASTER PLUMBER LICENSE FOR CERTAIN EXPERIENCED PLUMBERS. (a) In this section, "experienced plumber" means a person who has:

(1) been licensed as a journeyman plumber for at least 55 years; and

(2) operated a plumbing business in this state for at least 12 years.

(b) The board shall issue a master plumber license without examination to an experienced plumber who applies to the board on or before January 1, 2014. An experienced plumber who holds a master plumber license issued under this section is not required to complete the responsible master plumber training program under Section 1301.3576(2) before working as a responsible master plumber.

(c) A person may renew a master plumber license issued under this section in the same manner as other master plumber licenses issued by the board.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives

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1 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
2 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
3 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
4 Act takes effect September 1, 2013.