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H.B. No. 1988

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to the use of corrugated stainless steel tubing in  
3 residential and commercial structures.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 766.001, Health and Safety Code, is  
6 amended by adding Subdivisions (1-a) and (4-a) to read as follows:

7 (1-a) "Corrugated stainless steel tubing" means a type  
8 of conduit that is meant for the transport of natural gas with  
9 residential structure application and consists of corrugated  
10 stainless steel or another similar corrugated conduit identified by  
11 state fire marshal order.

12 (4-a) "Residential dwelling" means a structure that  
13 has one or more residential units that are occupied as, or designed  
14 or intended for occupancy as, a residence by individuals.

15 SECTION 2. Chapter 766, Health and Safety Code, is amended  
16 by adding Section 766.004 to read as follows:

17 Sec. 766.004. REQUIREMENTS ON USE OF CORRUGATED STAINLESS  
18 STEEL TUBING. Corrugated stainless steel tubing in each  
19 residential dwelling constructed in this state must conform to the  
20 standards of the 2008 International Residential Code or to a  
21 version of that code that is adopted by ordinance of the largest  
22 municipality in the county in which the dwelling is located and that  
23 is at least as stringent as the 2008 version of that code.

24 SECTION 3. Subtitle A, Title 9, Health and Safety Code, is

1 amended by adding Chapter 766A to read as follows:

2 CHAPTER 766A. FIRE SAFETY IN COMMERCIAL STRUCTURES

3 Sec. 766A.001. DEFINITIONS. In this chapter:

4 (1) "Commercial structure" means a structure that is  
5 occupied for, or designed or intended for occupancy for, a  
6 commercial purpose.

7 (2) "Corrugated stainless steel tubing" means a type  
8 of conduit that is meant for the transport of natural gas with  
9 commercial structure application and consists of corrugated  
10 stainless steel or another similar corrugated conduit identified by  
11 state fire marshal order.

12 Sec. 766A.002. REQUIREMENTS ON USE OF CORRUGATED STAINLESS  
13 STEEL TUBING. Corrugated stainless steel tubing in each commercial  
14 structure constructed in this state must conform to the minimum  
15 standards adopted by state fire marshal order.

16 SECTION 4. The change in law made by this Act applies only  
17 to corrugated stainless steel tubing installed in a structure on or  
18 after the effective date of this Act. Corrugated stainless steel  
19 tubing installed before the effective date of this Act is governed  
20 by the law in effect on the date the tubing was installed, and that  
21 law is continued in effect for that purpose.

22 SECTION 5. This Act takes effect September 1, 2013.