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S.B. No. 766

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to prohibiting a requirement that a volunteer firefighter obtain a license or certification.

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

SECTION 1. Section 419.071, Government Code, is amended by adding Subsection (e) to read as follows:

(e) Except as provided by Section 419.072, a volunteer fire fighter is not required to complete the voluntary certification program under this section.

SECTION 2. Chapter 180, Local Government Code, is amended by adding Section 180.008 to read as follows:

Sec. 180.008. LICENSE OR CERTIFICATION NOT REQUIRED FOR VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER. A political subdivision may not require a volunteer firefighter to obtain a license or certification in order to be a volunteer firefighter.

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