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H.B. No. 930

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT  
2 relating to water well drillers and pump installers; authorizing  
3 fees.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 1901.152, Occupations Code, is amended  
6 to read as follows:

7 Sec. 1901.152. LICENSE APPLICATION[~~, EXAMINATION FEE~~].

8 [~~(a)~~] An applicant [~~application~~] for a license must submit to the  
9 department [~~contain~~]:

10 (1) an application that includes:

11 (A) the applicant's name;

12 (B) [~~(2)~~] the applicant's business address;

13 (C) [~~(3)~~] the applicant's permanent mailing  
14 address; and

15 (D) [~~(4)~~] any other relevant information  
16 required by the department; and[~~+~~]

17 (2) [~~(b) An applicant must pay to the department~~] an  
18 application [~~examination~~] fee [~~at the time the application is~~  
19 ~~submitted~~].

20 SECTION 2. Subchapter D, Chapter 1901, Occupations Code, is  
21 amended by adding Section 1901.153 to read as follows:

22 Sec. 1901.153. APPRENTICE DRILLER PROGRAM. The commission  
23 by rule shall establish an apprentice driller program.

24 SECTION 3. Section 1901.201, Occupations Code, is amended

1 to read as follows:

2           Sec. 1901.201. [~~FREQUENCY OF~~] EXAMINATION. [~~(a)~~] The  
3 department shall offer examinations for a license under this  
4 chapter [~~at least once each year~~].

5           [~~(b) The department shall offer examinations more~~  
6 ~~frequently if more than 10 persons petition for an additional~~  
7 ~~examination.~~]

8           SECTION 4. Section 1901.251(b), Occupations Code, is  
9 amended to read as follows:

10           (b) Not later than the 60th day after the date of the  
11 completion or cessation of drilling, deepening, or otherwise  
12 altering the well, the driller shall deliver, [~~or~~] send by first  
13 class [~~certified~~] mail, or provide electronically a copy of the  
14 well log to:

- 15                   (1) the department;
- 16                   (2) the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality  
17 [~~Natural Resource Conservation Commission~~]; and
- 18                   (3) the owner of the well or the person for whom the  
19 well was drilled.

20           SECTION 5. Subchapter D, Chapter 1902, Occupations Code, is  
21 amended by adding Section 1902.153 to read as follows:

22           Sec. 1902.153. APPRENTICE PUMP INSTALLER PROGRAM. The  
23 commission by rule shall establish an apprentice pump installer  
24 program.

25           SECTION 6. Section 1902.201, Occupations Code, is amended  
26 to read as follows:

27           Sec. 1902.201. [~~FREQUENCY OF~~] EXAMINATION. [~~(a)~~] The

1 department shall offer examinations for a license under this  
2 chapter [~~at least once each month~~].

3 [~~(b) The department shall offer examinations more~~  
4 ~~frequently if more than 10 persons petition for an additional~~  
5 ~~examination.~~]

6 SECTION 7. Not later than December 1, 2015, the Texas  
7 Commission of Licensing and Regulation shall adopt rules to  
8 implement the changes in law made by this Act to Chapters 1901 and  
9 1902, Occupations Code.

10 SECTION 8. The Texas Commission of Licensing and Regulation  
11 may not require a person to hold a license or license specialty  
12 endorsement as an apprentice driller or apprentice pump installer  
13 under Sections 1901.153 and 1902.153, Occupations Code, as added by  
14 this Act, before June 1, 2016.

15 SECTION 9. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.