

AN ACT

relating to water well drillers and pump installers; authorizing fees.

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

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

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

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

(1) an application that includes:

(A) the applicant's name;

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

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

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

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

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

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

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.

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 930 was passed by the House on May 4, 2015, by the following vote: Yeas 134, Nays 5, 2 present, not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 930 was passed by the Senate on May 27, 2015, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: _____

Date

Governor