

1-1 By: Miller of Comal (Senate Sponsor - Perry) H.B. No. 930
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 5, 2015;
1-3 May 6, 2015, read first time and referred to Committee on
1-4 Agriculture, Water, and Rural Affairs; May 26, 2015, reported
1-5 favorably by the following vote: Yeas 6, Nays 0; May 26, 2015, sent
1-6 to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-11	X			
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1-16 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-17 AN ACT

1-18 relating to water well drillers and pump installers; authorizing
1-19 fees.

1-20 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-21 SECTION 1. Section 1901.152, Occupations Code, is amended
1-22 to read as follows:

1-23 Sec. 1901.152. LICENSE APPLICATION[~~;~~ EXAMINATION FEE].
1-24 ~~[(a)]~~ An applicant ~~[application]~~ for a license must submit to the
1-25 department [contain]:

1-26 (1) an application that includes:

1-27 (A) the applicant's name;

1-28 (B) ~~[(2)]~~ the applicant's business address;

1-29 (C) ~~[(3)]~~ the applicant's permanent mailing
1-30 address; and

1-31 (D) ~~[(4)]~~ any other relevant information
1-32 required by the department; and~~[-]~~

1-33 (2) ~~[(b) An applicant must pay to the department] an~~
1-34 application [examination] fee [at the time the application is
1-35 submitted].

1-36 SECTION 2. Subchapter D, Chapter 1901, Occupations Code, is
1-37 amended by adding Section 1901.153 to read as follows:

1-38 Sec. 1901.153. APPRENTICE DRILLER PROGRAM. The commission
1-39 by rule shall establish an apprentice driller program.

1-40 SECTION 3. Section 1901.201, Occupations Code, is amended
1-41 to read as follows:

1-42 Sec. 1901.201. ~~[FREQUENCY OF]~~ EXAMINATION. ~~[(a)]~~ The
1-43 department shall offer examinations for a license under this
1-44 chapter [at least once each year].

1-45 ~~[(b) The department shall offer examinations more~~
1-46 ~~frequently if more than 10 persons petition for an additional~~
1-47 ~~examination.]~~

1-48 SECTION 4. Section 1901.251(b), Occupations Code, is
1-49 amended to read as follows:

1-50 (b) Not later than the 60th day after the date of the
1-51 completion or cessation of drilling, deepening, or otherwise
1-52 altering the well, the driller shall deliver, ~~[or]~~ send by first
1-53 class ~~[certified]~~ mail, or provide electronically a copy of the
1-54 well log to:

1-55 (1) the department;

1-56 (2) the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality
1-57 [~~Natural Resource Conservation Commission~~]; and

1-58 (3) the owner of the well or the person for whom the
1-59 well was drilled.

1-60 SECTION 5. Subchapter D, Chapter 1902, Occupations Code, is
1-61 amended by adding Section 1902.153 to read as follows:

2-1 Sec. 1902.153. APPRENTICE PUMP INSTALLER PROGRAM. The
2-2 commission by rule shall establish an apprentice pump installer
2-3 program.

2-4 SECTION 6. Section 1902.201, Occupations Code, is amended
2-5 to read as follows:

2-6 Sec. 1902.201. [~~FREQUENCY OF~~] EXAMINATION. [~~(a)~~] The
2-7 department shall offer examinations for a license under this
2-8 chapter [at least once each month].

2-9 [~~(b) The department shall offer examinations more~~
2-10 ~~frequently if more than 10 persons petition for an additional~~
2-11 ~~examination.]~~

2-12 SECTION 7. Not later than December 1, 2015, the Texas
2-13 Commission of Licensing and Regulation shall adopt rules to
2-14 implement the changes in law made by this Act to Chapters 1901 and
2-15 1902, Occupations Code.

2-16 SECTION 8. The Texas Commission of Licensing and Regulation
2-17 may not require a person to hold a license or license specialty
2-18 endorsement as an apprentice driller or apprentice pump installer
2-19 under Sections 1901.153 and 1902.153, Occupations Code, as added by
2-20 this Act, before June 1, 2016.

2-21 SECTION 9. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.

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