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H.B. No. 1233

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to persons authorized by law to conduct certain fire safety inspections and training.

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

SECTION 1. Section 419.909, Government Code, is amended by amending Subsection (a) and adding Subsection (a-1) to read as follows:

(a) Except as provided by Subsection (a-1), only ~~[Only]~~ an individual certified by the commission as a fire inspector may conduct a fire safety inspection required by a state or local law, rule, regulation, or ordinance. The following entities may provide training related to fire safety inspections:

(1) the commission or a training facility certified by the commission;

(2) the State Firefighters' and Fire Marshals' Association of Texas or a training facility approved by that association;

(3) the National Fire Protection Association;

(4) the International Code Council;

(5) any state agency with authority over fire safety inspections; or

(6) any local agency authorized to provide the training by a state agency described by Subdivision (5).

(a-1) For purposes of conducting a fire safety inspection

1 under Subsection (a), an individual is not required to be certified  
2 by the commission if the inspection is conducted in a county with a  
3 population of less than 250,000 and the individual:

4 (1) has completed training on fire safety inspections  
5 offered by an entity described by that subsection; or

6 (2) is a member of a volunteer fire department.

7 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.