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H.B. No. 2464

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the transfer of a plumber's license on the retirement or death of the plumber.

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

SECTION 1. Section 1301.359(b), Occupations Code, is amended to read as follows:

(b) Except as provided by Section 1301.406, a [A] license, endorsement, or registration issued under this chapter is not assignable or transferable.

SECTION 2. Subchapter H, Chapter 1301, Occupations Code, is amended by adding Section 1301.406 to read as follows:

Sec. 1301.406. TRANSFER OF LICENSE. (a) On approval by the board, a person who holds an unexpired license under this chapter and whose license has been held continuously for at least 50 consecutive years may transfer the license on the date of the person's retirement or death to another person who:

(1) is related within the second degree by consanguinity to the transferor; and

(2) holds a license as a journeyman plumber or master plumber under this chapter.

(b) The application for a license transfer under this section must include the transferor's consent and a designation of whether the license will transfer on the retirement or death of the transferor.

1       (c) The board shall transfer a license to a person who  
2 submits an application and presents evidence satisfactory to the  
3 board that:

4               (1) the person meets the requirements under  
5 Subsections (a)(1) and (a)(2); and

6               (2) the transferor is retired or dead.

7       SECTION 3. As soon as practicable after the effective date  
8 of this Act, the Texas State Board of Plumbing Examiners shall adopt  
9 rules and prescribe forms necessary to implement the changes in law  
10 made by Section 1301.406, Occupations Code, as added by this Act.

11       SECTION 4. Not later than January 1, 2016, the Texas State  
12 Board of Plumbing Examiners shall begin accepting applications for  
13 the transfer of licenses under Section 1301.406, Occupations Code,  
14 as added by this Act.

15       SECTION 5. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.