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H.B. No. 2615

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the licensing of towing operators and vehicle storage facility employees by the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation.

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

SECTION 1. Section 2303.1015(a), Occupations Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) A person may not work at a vehicle storage facility unless the person holds:

(1) a license issued under this chapter;

(2) an incident management towing operator's license under Section 2308.153;

(3) a private property towing operator's license under Section 2308.154; or

(4) a consent towing operator's license under Section 2308.155.

SECTION 2. Section 2308.153, Occupations Code, is amended by adding Subsection (c) to read as follows:

(c) A person holding a license described by this section may work at a vehicle storage facility regulated under Chapter 2303.

SECTION 3. Section 2308.154, Occupations Code, is amended by adding Subsection (c) to read as follows:

(c) A person holding a license described by this section may work at a vehicle storage facility regulated under Chapter 2303.

SECTION 4. Section 2308.155, Occupations Code, is amended by adding Subsection (c) to read as follows:

(c) A person holding a license described by this section may work at a vehicle storage facility regulated under Chapter 2303.

SECTION 5. The following provisions of the Occupations Code are repealed:

(1) Section 2303.1016; and

(2) Section 2308.1521.

SECTION 6. (a) The changes in law made by this Act do not affect the validity of a proceeding pending before a court or other governmental entity on the effective date of this Act.

(b) An offense or other violation of law committed before the effective date of this Act is governed by the law in effect when the offense or violation was committed, and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose. For purposes of this subsection, an offense or violation was committed before the effective date of this Act if any element of the offense or violation occurred before that date.

SECTION 7. (a) Sections 2308.153(c), 2308.154(c), and 2308.155(c), Occupations Code, as added by this Act, apply to a license issued or renewed before, on, or after the effective date of this Act.

(b) A license issued under Section 2303.1016 or 2308.1521, Occupations Code, that is unexpired or eligible for renewal by the license holder on the effective date of this Act expires on the earlier of:

(1) the expiration date stated on the license; or

1 (2) the date of issuance of a license issued to the
2 license holder under Section 2308.153, 2308.154, or 2308.155,
3 Occupations Code.

4 SECTION 8. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.