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H.B. No. 2814

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the installation and inspection of fire sprinkler protection systems; authorizing fees.

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

SECTION 1. Section 1301.3565, Occupations Code, is amended by adding Subsection (g) to read as follows:

(g) A certified fire inspector who is employed or appointed by a political subdivision or this state may inspect or review plans only for the sprinkler portion of a multipurpose residential fire sprinkler installation, repair, or replacement.

SECTION 2. Section 1301.551, Occupations Code, is amended by amending Subsection (i) and adding Subsection (k) to read as follows:

(i) Notwithstanding any other provision of state law, except as provided by Subsection (k), after January 1, 2009, a municipality may not enact an ordinance, bylaw, order, building code, or rule requiring the installation of a multipurpose residential fire protection sprinkler system or any other fire sprinkler protection system in a new or existing one- or two-family dwelling. A municipality may adopt an ordinance, bylaw, order, or rule allowing a multipurpose residential fire protection sprinkler specialist [~~or other contractor~~] to offer, for a fee, the installation of a fire sprinkler protection system in a new one- or two-family dwelling.

1 (k) A municipality with a population of less than 50,000 may
2 enact an ordinance, bylaw, order, building code, or rule requiring
3 the installation of a multipurpose residential fire protection
4 sprinkler system or any other fire sprinkler protection system in a
5 new one- or two-family dwelling only if the municipality holds an
6 election called for the purpose of authorizing the municipality to
7 enact the requirement and a majority of the voters approve the
8 proposition. A municipality described by this subsection that
9 enacts the requirement as provided by this subsection may not
10 impose an inspection fee for inspection of a multipurpose
11 residential fire protection sprinkler system but may impose an
12 annual inspection fee not to exceed \$25 for inspection of any other
13 fire sprinkler protection system.

14 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.