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H.B. No. 3111

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to medical gas and vacuum piping systems testing in  
3 certain health facilities and voluntary tester registry.

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

5 SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 222, Health and Safety  
6 Code, is amended by adding Section 222.0055 to read as follows:

7 Sec. 222.0055. TESTING OF MEDICAL GAS AND VACUUM PIPING  
8 SYSTEM. (a) In this section, "health facility" has the meaning  
9 assigned by Section 221.003.

10 (b) The executive commissioner and the Texas State Board of  
11 Plumbing Examiners shall jointly adopt rules consistent with  
12 plumbing industry standards related to verification of the  
13 integrity and content of a medical gas and vacuum piping system  
14 installed in a health facility.

15 SECTION 2. Section 1301.058, Occupations Code, is amended  
16 to read as follows:

17 Sec. 1301.058. TESTING OF MEDICAL GAS AND VACUUM PIPING;  
18 RULES; REGISTRY. (a) A person is not required to be licensed under  
19 this chapter to verify medical gas and vacuum piping integrity and  
20 content.

21 (b) The board and the executive commissioner of the Health  
22 and Human Services Commission shall jointly adopt rules consistent  
23 with plumbing industry standards related to verification of the  
24 integrity and content of a medical gas and vacuum piping system

1 installed in a health facility, as required under Section 222.0055,  
2 Health and Safety Code.

3 (c) The board by rule shall create and maintain a voluntary  
4 registry of persons who are qualified to verify medical gas and  
5 vacuum piping integrity and content.

6 SECTION 3. (a) Not later than January 1, 2018, the executive  
7 commissioner of the Health and Human Services Commission and the  
8 Texas State Board of Plumbing Examiners shall jointly adopt rules  
9 required under Section 222.0055, Health and Safety Code, as added  
10 by this Act. Rules adopted by the commission that are in effect on  
11 the effective date of this Act continue in effect until superseded  
12 by joint rules adopted as required by this Act.

13 (b) Not later than January 1, 2018, the Texas State Board of  
14 Plumbing Examiners shall create the voluntary registry required  
15 under Section 1301.058, Occupations Code, as amended by this Act.

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