By:  Springer H.B. No. 502

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to training regarding fire safety inspections required by law.

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

SECTION 1.  Section 419.909(a), Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a)  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;

(2)  the State Firemen's and Fire Marshals' Association of Texas;

(3)  the National Fire Protection Association;

(4)  a public junior college;

(5)  a regional fire academy; or

(6)  any state agency with authority over fire safety inspections.

SECTION 2.  This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2019.