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H.B. No. 518

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to fire safety inspections.

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

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

Sec. 419.909. FIRE SAFETY INSPECTIONS. (a) ~~[Only an individual certified by the commission as a fire inspector may conduct a]~~ A fire safety inspection required by a state or local law, rule, regulation, or ordinance, may only be conducted by an individual trained in accordance with the Standard for Professional Qualifications for Fire Inspector and Plan Examiner as established by the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) and certified by:

- (1) the Texas Commission on Fire Protection,
- (2) the State Firemen's and Fire Marshals' Association,
- (3) the National Fire Protection Association,
- (4) the International Code Council, or
- (5) any other state agency with authority over fire safety inspections.

(b) A fire safety inspection required by a state or local law, rule, regulation, or ordinance must be conducted in accordance with:

- (1) the most recent local fire code; or

1 (2) the most recent fire code adopted by the state fire
2 marshal.

3 (c) This section does not apply to state agency personnel
4 who conduct a life safety code survey of a building or facility in
5 connection with determining whether to issue or renew a license
6 under Chapter [142](#), [241](#), [242](#), [243](#), [244](#), [245](#), [247](#), [248](#), [251](#), [252](#), [464](#),
7 [466](#), [577](#), Health and Safety Code, or Chapter [103](#), Human Resources
8 Code.

9 SECTION 2. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act takes effect
10 immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members
11 elected to each house, as provided by Section [39](#), Article III, Texas
12 Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for
13 immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2019.