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S.B. No. 964

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to certain plumbing, air conditioning, and electrical
3 services performed as a volunteer during a disaster.

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

5 SECTION 1. Title 8, Occupations Code, is amended by adding
6 Chapter 1306 to read as follows:

7 CHAPTER 1306. VOLUNTEER SERVICES DURING DISASTER

8 Sec. 1306.001. DEFINITIONS. In this chapter:

9 (1) "License holder" means a person who holds a
10 license, endorsement, registration, or other authorization
11 required to engage in an occupation or activity regulated under
12 Chapter 1301, 1302, or 1305.

13 (2) "Technical services" means services for which a
14 license holder is required to hold a license, endorsement,
15 registration, or other authorization issued under Chapter 1301,
16 1302, or 1305 to provide the services.

17 Sec. 1306.002. VOLUNTEER SERVICES DURING DISASTER. (a) A
18 license holder employed by the United States government or licensed
19 in another state may perform technical services as a volunteer in
20 this state without holding a license issued in this state during a
21 disaster:

22 (1) subject to the state emergency management plan,
23 adopted under Section 418.042, Government Code; or

24 (2) declared by the governor or the president of the

1 United States.

2 (b) A supervision requirement under Chapter 1301, 1302, or
3 1305 does not apply to technical services performed by a license
4 holder as a volunteer during circumstances described by Subsection
5 (a).

6 (c) This section does not apply to technical services
7 performed by a license holder for compensation or other
8 remuneration.

9 (d) The Public Safety Commission shall adopt any rules
10 necessary to implement this section.

11 SECTION 2. As soon as practicable after the effective date
12 of this Act, the Public Safety Commission shall adopt rules as
13 necessary to implement Chapter 1306, Occupations Code, as added by
14 this Act.

15 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2019.