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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FLOOR AMENDMENT NO. _____

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1 Amend H.B. No. 636 (house committee report) as follows:

2 (1) On page 7, line 1, strike "by amending Subsection (a)
3 and adding Subsection (c)".

4 (2) On page 7, line 3, between "ANNUAL RENEWAL REQUIRED" and
5 the period, insert "; EXCEPTION".

6 (3) On page 7, line 5, strike "On" and substitute "Except as
7 provided by Subsection (d), on [On]".

8 (4) On page 7, between lines 6 and 7, insert the following:

9 (b) The board by rule may adopt a system under which
10 licenses, endorsements, and registrations expire on various dates
11 during the year.

12 (5) On page 7, between lines 17 and 18, insert the
13 following:

14 (d) A person who is employed by, under contract with, or
15 engaged as a volunteer by a school to provide instruction in a
16 career and technology education program described by Section
17 1301.3542 and provides meaningful course instruction in the
18 program, as determined under rules adopted under Section 1301.407,
19 is not required to pay a fee to renew the person's license.

20 (6) On page 7, strike lines 18 and 19 and substitute the
21 following:

22 SECTION 13. Section 1301.404, Occupations Code, is amended
23 by amending Subsections (a), (b), (c), (d), and (e) and adding
24 Subsection (g) to read as follows:

25 (7) On page 8, between lines 22 and 23, insert the
26 following:

27 (g) A person who is employed by, under contract with, or
28 engaged as a volunteer by a school to provide instruction in a
29 career and technology education program described by Section

1 1301.3542 and provides meaningful course instruction in the
2 program, as determined under rules adopted under Section 1301.407,
3 may renew the person's license and any endorsement without
4 complying with Subsection (b) if the person completes the hours of
5 continuing professional education required by that subsection
6 every three years.

7 (8) Add the following appropriately numbered SECTIONS to
8 the bill and renumber the SECTIONS of the bill accordingly:

9 SECTION _____. Section 1301.002(10), Occupations Code, is
10 amended to read as follows:

11 (10) "Tradesman plumber-limited license holder" means
12 a person who:

13 (A) has:

14 (i) completed at least 4,000 hours working
15 under the direct supervision of a journeyman or master plumber as a
16 plumber's apprentice; or

17 (ii) successfully completed a coherent
18 sequence of courses in the plumbing trade that are offered through a
19 career and technology education program, as described by Section
20 1301.3542;

21 (B) has passed the required examination;

22 (C) constructs and installs plumbing for
23 one-family or two-family dwellings under the supervision of a
24 responsible master plumber; and

25 (D) has fulfilled the other requirements of the
26 board.

27 SECTION _____. Subchapter G, Chapter 1301, Occupations Code,
28 is amended by adding Section 1301.3542 to read as follows:

29 Sec. 1301.3542. CAREER AND TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION PROGRAM FOR
30 TRADESMAN PLUMBER-LIMITED LICENSE; INSTRUCTORS. (a)

31 Notwithstanding Section 1301.354, a person who successfully

1 completes a coherent sequence of courses in the plumbing trade that
2 are offered through a career and technology education program under
3 Subchapter F, Chapter 29, Education Code, may apply for and take an
4 examination for a license as a tradesman plumber-limited license
5 holder. The board may not require the person to register as a
6 plumber's apprentice, pay any fee, or comply with Section 1301.354
7 or any other requirement of this chapter that applies to a person's
8 eligibility to apply for and take the examination.

9 (b) A student of any age enrolled in a high school is
10 eligible to take the sequence of courses described by Subsection
11 (a) without registering as a plumber's apprentice, paying any
12 registration fee, or complying with Section 1301.354 or any other
13 requirement of this chapter that applies to enrolling or
14 participating in those courses.

15 (c) If an applicant described by Subsection (a)
16 successfully passes the examination for a license as a tradesman
17 plumber-limited license holder, the board shall issue the applicant
18 the license.

19 (d) The board shall develop the courses described by
20 Subsection (a). The courses must be approved by the State Board of
21 Education.

22 (e) The courses must include an appropriate number of hours
23 of classroom instruction and a practical component. The board may
24 credit on-the-job training toward meeting the requirements under
25 the practical component.

26 (f) A person may not provide instruction in a career and
27 technology education program described by this section unless the
28 person is licensed under this chapter as a master plumber,
29 journeyman plumber, or plumbing inspector.

30 (g) A person described by Subsection (f) may provide the
31 instruction in a full-time or part-time capacity as an employee,

1 contractor, or volunteer of a high school.

2 (h) The board may adopt rules necessary to implement this
3 section, including procedures to verify a student's successful
4 completion of the sequence of courses described by Subsection (a).

5 SECTION _____. Subchapter H, Chapter 1301, Occupations Code,
6 is amended by adding Section 1301.407 to read as follows:

7 Sec. 1301.407. PROCEDURES FOR VERIFYING CERTAIN
8 EXEMPTIONS. The board, in consultation with the State Board of
9 Education, may adopt rules as necessary to verify whether a person
10 qualifies for an exemption from the required renewal fee, as
11 described by Section 1301.401(c), or an exemption from required
12 continuing professional education, as described by Section
13 1301.404(g), including rules providing for obtaining and
14 evaluating written verification from the applicable school of the
15 person's provision of meaningful course instruction in a career and
16 technology education program described by Section 1301.3542.