By:  Morrison H.B. No. 2548

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the inspection of municipal buildings during a declared disaster.

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

SECTION 1.  Subchapter G, Chapter 214, Local Government Code, is amended by adding Section 214.220 to read as follows:

Sec. 214.220.  INSPECTION DURING DECLARED DISASTER. (a) In an area of a municipality that is subject to a declaration of disaster by the governor under Chapter 418, Government Code, or a declaration of local disaster under that chapter, a building inspection for compliance with this subchapter or related municipal regulations may, while the declaration is in effect, be performed by:

(1)  a person certified to inspect buildings by the International Code Council;

(2)  a person employed as a building inspector by the municipality in which the building is located; or

(3)  a person employed as a building inspector by any political subdivision, if the municipality in which the building is located has approved the person to perform inspections during a disaster.

(b)  A municipality may not collect an inspection fee related to the inspection of a building performed under Subsection (a).

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, 2021.