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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the adoption of a certain plumbing code by the Texas State Board of Plumbing Examiners.

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

SECTION 1.  Section 1301.255, Occupations Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 1301.255.  ADOPTION OF PLUMBING [~~CODES~~] CODE. (a) The board shall adopt [~~the following plumbing codes, as those codes existed on May 31, 2001:~~

[~~(1)  the Uniform Plumbing Code, as published by the International Association of Plumbing and Mechanical Officials; and~~

[~~(2)~~]  the 2015 edition of the International Plumbing Code, as published by the International Code Council.

(b)  The board by rule may adopt a later edition [~~editions~~] of the plumbing code [~~codes~~] listed in Subsection (a).

(c)  Plumbing installed in an area not otherwise subject to regulation under this chapter by a person licensed under this chapter must be installed in accordance with the plumbing code adopted by the board under Subsection (a).

(d)  In adopting a code for the design, installation, and maintenance of a plumbing system under this section, a municipality or an owner of a public water system may amend any provisions of the code to conform to local concerns that do not substantially vary from board rules or other rules of this state.

(e)  Plumbing installed in compliance with the code adopted under Subsection (a), (b), or (d) must be inspected by a plumbing inspector. To perform the inspection, the political subdivision may contract with any plumbing inspector or qualified plumbing inspection business, as determined by the political subdivision, that is paid directly by the political subdivision.

SECTION 2.  Not later than December 1, 2021, the Texas State Board of Plumbing Examiners shall adopt rules to implement Section 1301.255, Occupations Code, as amended by this Act.

SECTION 3.  This Act takes effect September 1, 2021.