

By: Hancock
(Morrison)

S.B. No. 877

Substitute the following for S.B. No. 877:

By: Holland

C.S.S.B. No. 877

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 a person:

(1) other than:

(A) the owner of the building; or

(B) a person whose work is the subject of the inspection; and

(2) who is:

(A) certified to inspect buildings by the International Code Council;

(B) employed as a building inspector by the municipality in which the building is located;

(C) employed as a building inspector by any political subdivision, if the municipality in which the building is

1 located has approved the person to perform inspections during a
2 disaster; or

3 (D) an engineer licensed under Chapter 1001,
4 Occupations Code.

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

7 (c) A person who performs an inspection under this section
8 must:

9 (1) to the extent practicable, comply with the
10 municipality's building inspection regulations and policies; and

11 (2) not later than the 30th day after the date of the
12 inspection, provide notice to the municipality of the inspection in
13 a format prescribed by the municipality.

14 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
15 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
16 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
17 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
18 Act takes effect September 1, 2021.