

AN ACT

relating to the licensing requirements for certain operators of wastewater systems and public water systems.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 37, Water Code, is amended by adding Section 37.0045 to read as follows:

Sec. 37.0045. QUALIFICATIONS FOR CERTAIN LICENSES. (a) This section applies only to a Class D license for wastewater operators or public water system operators.

(b) In adopting educational attainment standards associated with the issuance of a license, the commission by rule shall establish a provisional certification program by which a person who does not possess a high school diploma or its equivalent may act as a provisional operator if the person:

(1) has completed all commission-required training associated with the license;

(2) has passed any commission-required examinations associated with the license; and

(3) acts under the direct supervision of a license holder.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.

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President of the Senate

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 1845 was passed by the House on April 14, 2023, by the following vote: Yeas 140, Nays 3, 2 present, not voting.

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Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 1845 was passed by the Senate on May 10, 2023, by the following vote: Yeas 30, Nays 0.

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Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

Date

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Governor