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H.B. No. 1845

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

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.