

By: Bell of Montgomery

H.B. No. 2689

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 a plumbing code adopted by the board under Subsection (a) or (b).

(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

1 from board rules or other rules of this state.

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

8 SECTION 2. Not later than December 1, 2023, the Texas State  
9 Board of Plumbing Examiners shall adopt rules to implement Section  
10 [1301.255](#), Occupations Code, as amended by this Act.

11 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.