By: Lozano   H.B. No. 4073

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1   AN ACT

2 relating to the renewal of certain expired certificates issued by

3 the Texas Commission on Fire Protection; authorizing a fee.

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

5   SECTION 1.   Section 419.0341, Government Code, is amended by

6 amending Subsection (e) and adding Subsection (e-1) to read as

7 follows:

8   (e)   If the person's certificate has been expired for more

9 than five years [one year or longer], the person may not renew the

10 certificate.   The person may obtain a new certificate by submitting

11 to the proficiency examination or repeating the requirements and

12 procedures for obtaining an original certificate.   The commission

13 shall   charge   a   fee   to   cover   the   cost   of   administering   the

14 proficiency examination.

15   (e-1)   If the person's certificate has been expired for more

16 than one year but not more than five years, the person may renew the

17 certificate in accordance with rules established by the commission.

18 The commission by rule shall establish:

19   (1)   a system for renewing a certificate under this

20 subsection;

21   (2)   a list of criteria a person must satisfy to renew a

22 certificate under this subsection; and

23   (3)   a   fee   for   renewing   a   certificate   under   this

24 subsection.

1 SECTION 2. The changes in law made by this Act apply only to
2 a certificate that expires in accordance with rules adopted by the
3 Texas Commission on Fire Protection under Section 419.033,
4 Government Code, on or after January 1, 2024. A certificate that
5 expires before January 1, 2024, is governed by the law in effect
6 immediately before the effective date of this Act, and the former
7 law is continued in effect for that purpose.
8 SECTION 3. Not later than January 1, 2024, the Texas
9 Commission on Fire Protection shall adopt rules providing for the
10 renewal of a certificate under Section 419.0341(e-1), Government
11 Code, as added by this Act.
12 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.