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S.B. No. 573

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to municipal requirements for exterior key boxes to provide access to buildings to first responders.

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

SECTION 1. Subtitle A, Title 11, Local Government Code, is amended by adding Chapter 350 to read as follows:

CHAPTER 350. MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS RELATED TO MUNICIPAL PUBLIC SAFETY

Sec. 350.001. EXTERIOR KEY BOX REQUIREMENTS. A municipality that adopts a fire code that requires the owner or occupant of a building to maintain an exterior key box to provide a first responder with immediate access to the building or a restricted area may not require the owner or occupant to purchase the key box from a specific manufacturer or vendor.

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