

1-1 By: Phelan (Senate Sponsor - Zaffirini) H.B. No. 4765  
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 15, 2025;  
1-3 May 16, 2025, read first time and referred to Committee on Business  
1-4 & Commerce; May 25, 2025, reported favorably by the following vote:  
1-5 Yeas 11, Nays 0; May 25, 2025, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-19 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
1-20 AN ACT

1-21 relating to the regulation of code enforcement officers and code  
1-22 enforcement officers in training.

1-23 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-24 SECTION 1. Section 1952.001, Occupations Code, is amended  
1-25 by amending Subdivisions (2) and (2-a) and adding Subdivision (2-b)  
1-26 to read as follows:

1-27 (2) "Code enforcement officer" means an individual  
1-28 who:

1-29 (A) works for [agent of] this state or a  
1-30 political subdivision of this state; and

1-31 (B) [who] engages in code enforcement.

1-32 (2-a) "Code enforcement officer in training" means an  
1-33 individual who:

1-34 (A) works for this state or a political  
1-35 subdivision of this state; and

1-36 (B) engages in code enforcement under the  
1-37 supervision of a code enforcement officer registered under this  
1-38 chapter.

1-39 (2-b) "Commission" means the Texas Commission of  
1-40 Licensing and Regulation.

1-41 SECTION 2. Section 1952.002, Occupations Code, is amended  
1-42 to read as follows:

1-43 Sec. 1952.002. EXEMPTION FROM REGISTRATION. An individual  
1-44 [A person] is not required to be registered under this chapter if  
1-45 the individual [person]:

1-46 (1) is required to be licensed or registered under  
1-47 another law of this state; and

1-48 (2) engages in code enforcement under that license or  
1-49 registration.

1-50 SECTION 3. Section 1952.003, Occupations Code, is amended  
1-51 to read as follows:

1-52 Sec. 1952.003. EMPLOYMENT OF REGISTERED INDIVIDUAL  
1-53 [PERSON] NOT REQUIRED. This state or a political subdivision of  
1-54 this state may engage in code enforcement without employing an  
1-55 individual [a person] registered under this chapter, if the  
1-56 individual who is engaging in code enforcement for the state or  
1-57 political subdivision is exempt from registration under Section  
1-58 1952.002.

1-59 SECTION 4. Section 1952.101, Occupations Code, is amended  
1-60 to read as follows:

1-61 Sec. 1952.101. REGISTRATION REQUIRED. Except as permitted

2-1 by Section 1952.002, an individual [~~a person~~] may not claim to be a  
2-2 code enforcement officer or use the title "code enforcement  
2-3 officer" unless the individual [~~person~~] holds a valid certificate  
2-4 of registration under this chapter.

2-5 SECTION 5. Section 1952.102, Occupations Code, is amended  
2-6 to read as follows:

2-7 Sec. 1952.102. ELIGIBILITY TO REGISTER AS CODE ENFORCEMENT  
2-8 OFFICER. To be eligible to receive a certificate of registration as  
2-9 a code enforcement officer, an individual [~~a person~~] must:

2-10 (1) submit an application in the manner and on the form  
2-11 prescribed by the executive director;

2-12 (2) have at least one year of full-time experience in  
2-13 the field of code enforcement;

2-14 (3) pass the examination required by the department;

2-15 (4) pay the application fee[, ~~examination, and~~  
2-16 ~~registration fees~~]; and

2-17 (5) meet any other requirements prescribed by this  
2-18 chapter or by commission rule.

2-19 SECTION 6. Section 1952.103(c), Occupations Code, is  
2-20 amended to read as follows:

2-21 (c) A code enforcement officer in training may engage in  
2-22 code enforcement under the supervision of a [~~registered~~] code  
2-23 enforcement officer registered under this chapter.

2-24 SECTION 7. Section 1952.104, Occupations Code, is amended  
2-25 to read as follows:

2-26 Sec. 1952.104. RECIPROCAL REGISTRATION. On proper  
2-27 application, the department shall issue a certificate of  
2-28 registration to a license holder or registrant of another state  
2-29 that has requirements for the licensing or registration of a code  
2-30 enforcement officer that are at least substantially equivalent to  
2-31 those of this state.

2-32 SECTION 8. Section 1952.105(a), Occupations Code, is  
2-33 amended to read as follows:

2-34 (a) A certificate of registration issued under this chapter  
2-35 expires on the second anniversary of the date of issuance and may be  
2-36 renewed biennially on proper application, payment of the required  
2-37 renewal fee, and [~~on~~] completion of the continuing education  
2-38 requirements prescribed by commission rule.

2-39 SECTION 9. Section 1952.151(a), Occupations Code, is  
2-40 amended to read as follows:

2-41 (a) The commission or executive director may deny an  
2-42 individual's [~~a person's~~] application for a certificate of  
2-43 registration if the individual's [~~person's~~] certificate or license  
2-44 to engage in code enforcement or a related profession has been  
2-45 revoked by another licensing entity in this state or another state  
2-46 for:

2-47 (1) unprofessional conduct;

2-48 (2) fraud, deceit, or negligence; or

2-49 (3) misconduct in the practice of code enforcement or  
2-50 a related profession.

2-51 SECTION 10. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.

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