

AN ACT

relating to the eligibility requirements for plumbing licenses issued to applicants with military service.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter G, Chapter 1301, Occupations Code, is amended by adding Section 1301.3585 to read as follows:

Sec. 1301.3585. LICENSE ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR APPLICANTS WITH MILITARY EXPERIENCE. (a) Notwithstanding any other law, the board shall credit verified military service, training, or education toward the licensing requirements, other than examination requirements, for a license issued under this chapter by the board.

(b) The board shall expedite the issuance of a provisional license or a license by endorsement or reciprocity under this chapter to an applicant who:

(1) has verified military experience; and

(2) holds a current license issued by another jurisdiction that has license requirements that are substantially equivalent to the license requirements of this state.

(c) The board shall adopt rules necessary to implement this section.

SECTION 2. (a) Section 1301.3585, Occupations Code, as added by this Act, applies only to an application for a license filed on or after May 1, 2014. An application for a license filed

1 before May 1, 2014, is governed by the law in effect on the date the  
2 application was filed, and that law is continued in effect for that  
3 purpose.

4 (b) The Texas State Board of Plumbing Examiners shall adopt  
5 rules under Section 1301.3585, Occupations Code, as added by this  
6 Act, not later than March 1, 2014.

7 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
8 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
9 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
10 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
11 Act takes effect September 1, 2013.

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President of the Senate

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 2028 was passed by the House on May 2, 2013, by the following vote: Yeas 147, Nays 0, 2 present, not voting; and that the House concurred in Senate amendments to H.B. No. 2028 on May 24, 2013, by the following vote: Yeas 145, Nays 0, 2 present, not voting.

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Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 2028 was passed by the Senate, with amendments, on May 22, 2013, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

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Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

Date

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Governor