

House Bill 2028
Senate Amendments
Section-by-Section Analysis

HOUSE VERSION

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

Sec. 1301.3585. APPLICANT WITH MILITARY SERVICE.

(a) In this section, "military" means the armed forces of the United States, Texas National Guard, or Texas State Guard.

(b) The board shall credit relevant experience, training, or education in plumbing that an applicant received while serving in the military toward the requirements for a license issued under this chapter.

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

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

SENATE VERSION (CS)

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. Same as House version.

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

SENATE VERSION (CS)

SECTION 3. Same as House version.

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