

1-1 By: Metcalf, Spiller, Troxclair H.B. No. 1845  
 1-2 (Senate Sponsor - Perry, et al.)  
 1-3 (In the Senate - Received from the House April 17, 2023;  
 1-4 April 18, 2023, read first time and referred to Committee on Water,  
 1-5 Agriculture & Rural Affairs; May 1, 2023, reported favorably by the  
 1-6 following vote: Yeas 8, Nays 0; May 1, 2023, sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-18 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
 1-19 AN ACT

1-20 relating to the licensing requirements for certain operators of  
 1-21 wastewater systems and public water systems.

1-22 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-23 SECTION 1. Chapter 37, Water Code, is amended by adding  
 1-24 Section 37.0045 to read as follows:

1-25 Sec. 37.0045. QUALIFICATIONS FOR CERTAIN LICENSES. (a)  
 1-26 This section applies only to a Class D license for wastewater  
 1-27 operators or public water system operators.

1-28 (b) In adopting educational attainment standards associated  
 1-29 with the issuance of a license, the commission by rule shall  
 1-30 establish a provisional certification program by which a person who  
 1-31 does not possess a high school diploma or its equivalent may act as  
 1-32 a provisional operator if the person:

1-33 (1) has completed all commission-required training  
 1-34 associated with the license;

1-35 (2) has passed any commission-required examinations  
 1-36 associated with the license; and

1-37 (3) acts under the direct supervision of a license  
 1-38 holder.

1-39 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.

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