

By: Turner of Tarrant

H.B. No. 2028

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

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. 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.

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