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H.B. No. 3803

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to the adoption of a certain plumbing code by the Texas
3 State Board of Plumbing Examiners.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 1301.255, Occupations Code, is amended
6 to read as follows:

7 Sec. 1301.255. ADOPTION OF PLUMBING [~~CODES~~] CODE. (a) The
8 board shall adopt [~~the following plumbing codes, as those codes~~
9 ~~existed on May 31, 2001:~~

10 [~~(1) the Uniform Plumbing Code, as published by the~~
11 ~~International Association of Plumbing and Mechanical Officials;~~
12 and

13 [~~(2)~~] the 2015 edition of the International Plumbing
14 Code, as published by the International Code Council.

15 (b) The board by rule may adopt a later edition [~~editions~~]
16 of the plumbing code [~~codes~~] listed in Subsection (a).

17 (c) Plumbing installed in an area not otherwise subject to
18 regulation under this chapter by a person licensed under this
19 chapter must be installed in accordance with the plumbing code
20 adopted by the board under Subsection (a).

21 (d) In adopting a code for the design, installation, and
22 maintenance of a plumbing system under this section, a municipality
23 or an owner of a public water system may amend any provisions of

1 the code to conform to local concerns that do not substantially
2 vary from board rules or other rules of this state.

3 (e) Plumbing installed in compliance with the code adopted
4 under Subsection (a), (b), or (d) must be inspected by a plumbing
5 inspector. To perform the inspection, the political subdivision
6 may contract with any plumbing inspector or qualified plumbing
7 inspection business, as determined by the political subdivision,
8 that is paid directly by the political subdivision.

9 SECTION 2. Not later than December 1, 2021, the Texas State
10 Board of Plumbing Examiners shall adopt rules to implement Section
11 1301.255, Occupations Code, as amended by this Act.

12 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2021.