

AN ACT

relating to transfer of a plumber's license number on the retirement or death of the plumber.

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

SECTION 1. Section 1301.359(b), Occupations Code, is amended to read as follows:

(b) Except as provided by Section 1301.406, the number of a license, endorsement, or registration issued under this chapter is not assignable or transferable.

SECTION 2. Section 1301.406, Occupations Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 1301.406. TRANSFER OF LICENSE NUMBER. (a) On approval by the board, a person who holds an unexpired license under this chapter and whose license has been held continuously for at least 35 ~~[50]~~ consecutive years may transfer the license number on the date of the person's retirement or death to another person who:

(1) is related within the second degree by consanguinity to the transferor; and

(2) holds a license issued ~~[as a journeyman plumber or master plumber]~~ under this chapter that is the same type of license as the license held by the transferor.

(b) The application for a ~~[license]~~ transfer of a license number under this section must include the transferor's consent and a designation of whether the license number will transfer on the

1 retirement or death of the transferor.

2 (c) The board shall transfer a license number to a person  
3 who submits an application and presents evidence satisfactory to  
4 the board that:

5 (1) the person meets the requirements under  
6 Subsections (a)(1) and (a)(2); and

7 (2) the transferor is retired or dead.

8 SECTION 3. As soon as practicable after the effective date  
9 of this Act, the Texas State Board of Plumbing Examiners shall adopt  
10 rules necessary to implement Section 1301.406, Occupations Code, as  
11 amended by this Act.

12 SECTION 4. Not later than January 1, 2018, the Texas State  
13 Board of Plumbing Examiners shall begin accepting applications for  
14 the transfer of license numbers under Section 1301.406, Occupations  
15 Code, as amended by this Act.

16 SECTION 5. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.

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President of the Senate

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 2095 was passed by the House on April 13, 2017, by the following vote: Yeas 138, Nays 0, 3 present, not voting.

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Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 2095 was passed by the Senate on May 19, 2017, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

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Secretary of the Senate

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

Date

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Governor