

AN ACT

relating to the licensing of towing operators and vehicle storage facility employees by the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation.

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

SECTION 1. Section 2303.1015(a), Occupations Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) A person may not work at a vehicle storage facility unless the person holds:

(1) a license issued under this chapter;

(2) an incident management towing operator's license under Section 2308.153;

(3) a private property towing operator's license under Section 2308.154; or

(4) a consent towing operator's license under Section 2308.155.

SECTION 2. Section 2308.153, Occupations Code, is amended by adding Subsection (c) to read as follows:

(c) A person holding a license described by this section may work at a vehicle storage facility regulated under Chapter 2303.

SECTION 3. Section 2308.154, Occupations Code, is amended by adding Subsection (c) to read as follows:

(c) A person holding a license described by this section may work at a vehicle storage facility regulated under Chapter 2303.

1 SECTION 4. Section 2308.155, Occupations Code, is amended
2 by adding Subsection (c) to read as follows:

3 (c) A person holding a license described by this section may
4 work at a vehicle storage facility regulated under Chapter 2303.

5 SECTION 5. The following provisions of the Occupations Code
6 are repealed:

7 (1) Section 2303.1016; and

8 (2) Section 2308.1521.

9 SECTION 6. (a) The changes in law made by this Act do not
10 affect the validity of a proceeding pending before a court or other
11 governmental entity on the effective date of this Act.

12 (b) An offense or other violation of law committed before
13 the effective date of this Act is governed by the law in effect when
14 the offense or violation was committed, and the former law is
15 continued in effect for that purpose. For purposes of this
16 subsection, an offense or violation was committed before the
17 effective date of this Act if any element of the offense or
18 violation occurred before that date.

19 SECTION 7. (a) Sections 2308.153(c), 2308.154(c), and
20 2308.155(c), Occupations Code, as added by this Act, apply to a
21 license issued or renewed before, on, or after the effective date of
22 this Act.

23 (b) A license issued under Section 2303.1016 or 2308.1521,
24 Occupations Code, that is unexpired or eligible for renewal by the
25 license holder on the effective date of this Act expires on the
26 earlier of:

27 (1) the expiration date stated on the license; or

1 (2) the date of issuance of a license issued to the
2 license holder under Section [2308.153](#), [2308.154](#), or [2308.155](#),
3 Occupations Code.

4 SECTION 8. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 2615 was passed by the House on May 3, 2017, by the following vote: Yeas 146, Nays 0, 2 present, not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 2615 was passed by the Senate on May 18, 2017, by the following vote: Yeas 30, Nays 0.

Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: _____

Date

Governor