

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

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### **DIGEST**

Currently, the Air Conditioning and Refrigeration Contractor License Law requires Texas air conditioning and refrigeration contractors and Texas laws to comply with Environmental Protection Agency regulations. Since its 1997 enactment, the law has been subject to conflicting interpretations, including whether individuals are eligible to purchase refrigerants without holding an air conditioning and refrigeration license. S.B. 308 clarifies several provisions in the law and specifies which individuals are eligible to purchase refrigerants without holding an air conditioning and refrigeration license.

### **PURPOSE**

As proposed, S.B. 308 clarifies certain provisions in the Air Conditioning and Refrigeration Contractor License Law, and specifies which individuals are eligible to purchase refrigerants without holding an air conditioning and refrigeration license.

### **RULEMAKING AUTHORITY**

This bill does not grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

### **SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS**

SECTION 1. Amends Section 6(a), Article 8861, V.T.C.S. (Air Conditioning and Refrigeration Contractor License Law), to provide that this Act does not apply to certain persons who perform air conditioning contracting on their own home, except as provided by Section 10 of this Act. Makes conforming changes.

SECTION 2. Amends Section 10(g), Article 8861, V.T.C.S., to authorize a purchaser to purchase refrigerants if the person's use is exempt under Sections 6(a)(3) and (5)-(7) of this Act, and if the person is authorized under another state or federal law.

SECTION 3. Emergency clause.  
Effective date: upon passage.