

BILL ANALYSIS

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AUTHOR'S/SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

The 78th Legislature, Regular Session, 2003, adopted licensing guidelines for electricians which included a three-month grandfather period during which practicing electricians could apply for their licenses. Military personnel who were overseas during the state's licensing grandfather period missed the opportunity to apply for an electrician license.

C.S.S.B. 707 allows electricians serving in the military between March 1, 2004, and June 1, 2004, to apply for the electrician license without being subject to an examination.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

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

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Subchapter D, Chapter 1305, Occupations Code, by adding Section 1305.1615, as follows:

Sec. 1305.1615. CERTAIN APPLICANTS WHO ARE VETERANS. Requires the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation (department) to issue an electrician license without examination to certain individuals who are veterans and meet the requirements of this section. Provides that this section expires January 1, 2007.

SECTION 2. Requires the department, notwithstanding Section 1305.1615(a)(2), Occupations Code, as added by this Act, to issue a license without examination to an individual who submits an application, and any other information required by the department, to the department not later than December 1, 2005, and is otherwise qualified for a license under Section 1305.1615, Occupations Code, as added by this Act.

SECTION 3. Effective date: September 1, 2005.