

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

H.B. 3277  
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Licensing & Administrative Procedures  
Committee Report (Unamended)

### **BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE**

Interested parties note that state law automatically grants a hearing to a person who fails to respond in a timely manner to the notice received from the Texas State Board of Plumbing Examiners regarding a violation of the Plumbing License Law and contend that this is a waste of the state's resources. H.B. 3277 seeks to address this issue by establishing that a person waives the right to such a hearing by not requesting a hearing or accepting a determination and the recommended administrative penalty by a specified date.

### **CRIMINAL JUSTICE IMPACT**

It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly create a criminal offense, increase the punishment for an existing criminal offense or category of offenses, or change the eligibility of a person for community supervision, parole, or mandatory supervision.

### **RULEMAKING AUTHORITY**

It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, department, agency, or institution.

### **ANALYSIS**

H.B. 3277 amends the Occupations Code to establish that a person's failure to request a hearing or to accept a determination and recommended administrative penalty not later than the 20th day after the date the person receives a notice of a violation of the Plumbing License Law waives the person's right to a hearing under such law. The bill requires the Texas State Board of Plumbing Examiners, if the board determines without a hearing that a person committed a violation and a penalty is to be imposed, to provide written notice to the person of the board's findings and to enter an order requiring the person to pay the recommended penalty.

### **EFFECTIVE DATE**

September 1, 2017.