

BILL ANALYSIS

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AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

The 78th Texas Legislature enacted legislation creating a statewide licensing program for electricians, and placed the program under the administration of the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation. The 79th Legislature amended the legislation to correct unintended consequences.

H.B. 1029 exempts plumbers from the Texas Electrical Safety and Licensing Act in order to perform plumbing work. This bill requires that any work done meet the requirements of existing electrical circuits.

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 Section 1305.003, Occupations Code, by amending Subsection (a) and adding Subsection (f), as follows:

(a) Provides that any work performed by a plumber who holds a license or endorsement or is registered under Chapter 1301 (Plumbers) that is necessary to install, service, maintain, repair, or replace any type of plumbing fixture or appliance as described by Section 1301.002(7), including a water heater, food disposer, garbage disposal, water softener, dishwashing machine, and clothes washing machine on existing electrical circuits only is exempt from Chapter 1305 (Electricians).

(f) Requires, for purposes of Subsection (a)(21), that any installation or replacement of a plumbing fixture or appliance meet the requirements of existing electrical circuits.

SECTION 2. Effective date: upon passage or September 1, 2007.