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SB 1668 Legislative Intent language

Attention Rules Coordinator,

I write today to advise of the legislative intent in the passage of Senate Bill 1668 during the 87th regular legislative session. SB 1668 sought to simplify the certification process required to refill propane tanks in Texas. The liquefied petroleum gas (propane) cylinder licensing process available at the Texas Railroad Commission (“RRC”) was not feasible and provided many obstacles to Texas employees seeking certification to refill propane cylinders and tanks as part of their jobs. Having propane cylinders and tanks refilled is in high demand by Texans. Texas propane retailers have not been able to adequately meet the demand of consumers seeking to have cylinders and mounted tanks refilled due to the limitations and obstacles, locations and travel times presented in obtaining the training and certification required by the RRC. Thus, the intent of SB 1668 was to streamline this process and eliminate unnecessary regulatory barriers to allow greater access to the training and examination required to obtain a certificate.

The nationally recognized industry standard for safety and education in propane is the Propane Education Research Council (“PERC”). PERC has training and examinations available online for all training necessary to refill cylinders and mounted tanks. Allowing employees of licensed retailers in Texas, or anyone who needs to obtain a certificate in refilling propane containers under a certain size, to complete the PERC, or PERC based, training (including training by a retailer that uses PERC content within the retailer’s training system) and examination in an online system will allow for many more Texans to be properly certified. Thus, the intent of SB 1668 was to allow an applicant to complete the PERC or PERC based training and examination online, or in person where available, and to submit completion of that training and exam along with a fee and application to the RRC to obtain a certificate. There was no intent whatsoever to create any type of outside trainer certification as that is not necessary with the PERC or PERC based training and exam that is available online through PERC or certain licensed retailers. That language is not in the bill, nor is there any intent in the bill to provide for that. Creating this type of additional certification will only serve to create additional regulatory barriers which I sought to resolve in the passage of this bill.

The intent of the bill was to simplify the process of obtaining a certificate to safely refill propane tanks by allowing for submission of completion of training and exam administered outside the RRC using approved PERC content, let’s be sure that is how it is implemented.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John Raney".

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