

**The Texas State Board of Plumbing Examiners** provides the following brief descriptions of certain changes made to the Plumbing License Law and other statutes by the 82<sup>nd</sup> Legislature, Regular Session. The list does not represent the full text of the House or Senate bills which affected changes. To view the full text and all changes made, click the bill number link or go to [Texas Legislature Online](#) .

The Texas State Board of Plumbing Examiners may not make changes to the Plumbing License Law, but may promulgate rules when necessary to carry out legislative changes. The following information includes a link to certain Board Rules which enable the Board to carry out the legislative change.

| Change  | Effective Date           | Bill Number                    | Comments  |
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| <p><b>Responsible Master Plumber Training</b><br/>           related to the laws and rules applicable to the operation of a plumbing business in this state is required before a Master Plumber works as a Responsible Master Plumber. <u>Does not apply</u> to a Master Plumber who, on or before January 1, 2012, provides the Board with a Certificate of Insurance under Sec. 1301.552, that is effective on January 1, 2012.</p> | <p>January 1, 2012</p>   | <p><a href="#">HB 2376</a></p> | <p>The Board is currently developing the curriculum and rules necessary for the training program.</p> <p>Responsible Master Plumbers should ensure they maintain a current certificate of insurance on file with the Board.</p> |
| <p><b>Design of Multipurpose Residential Fire Protection Sprinkler Systems</b><br/>           is limited to a Master Plumber who holds a Multipurpose Residential Fire Protection Sprinkler Specialist Endorsement.</p>   | <p>September 1, 2011</p> | <p><a href="#">HB 2376</a></p> | <p>The Board is reviewing the MRFPS endorment training program and examinations and will make any necessary changes regarding the new requirement.</p>  |
| <p><b>Water Supply Protection Specialist</b><br/>           Is authorized to engage in the installation, service, and repair of plumbing associated with the use and distribution of rainwater to supply a plumbing fixture, appliance, or irrigation system, in addition to performing customer service inspections, as defined by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality.</p>  | <p>September 1, 2011</p> | <p><a href="#">HB 2376</a></p> | <p>The Board is currently reviewing the WSPS endorment training program, monitoring TCEQ development of rainwater harvesting rules and will amend its rules as necessary to reflect this new authorization.</p>                 |

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| <p><b>Water Supply Protection Specialist</b> endorsement is required for the installation and maintenance of a rainwater harvesting system that is connected to a public water supply system and is used for potable purposes.</p> | <p>September 1, 2011</p> | <p><a href="#">HB 3372</a><br/><a href="#">SB 1073</a></p> | <p>The TX Commission on Environmental Quality and the TX Department of Health will develop rules for the installation and maintenance of rainwater harvesting systems for potable use.</p> |
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