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Fire Sprinklers Information for Texas Inspectors

Bill Signed by Governor Rick Perry



SB 1410 - Fire Sprinkler Choice Signed by the Governor

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On Friday, June 19 Governor Perry signed into law SB 1410, the bill giving homeowners the choice to install fire sprinklers. TAB has worked very hard on this issue this session and is very pleased with Governor Perry's decision. This bill will take effect on September 1, 2009.

The language of SB 1410 effectively prohibits a city from enacting fire sprinkler mandates in single family homes, duplexes and remodeling projects. The fire sprinkler amendment was added in the House by Rep. John Otto (R- Dayton) and states:

Notwithstanding any other provision of state law, after January 1, 2009, a municipality may not enact an ordinance, bylaw, order, building code, or rule requiring the installation of a multipurpose residential fire protection sprinkler system or any other fire sprinkler protection system in a new or existing one or two-family dwelling. A municipality may adopt an ordinance, bylaw, order, or rule allowing a multipurpose residential fire protection sprinkler specialist or other contractor to offer, for a fee, the installation of a fire sprinkler protection

system in a new one or two-family dwelling.

SB 1410 also includes an amendment added by Rep. Warren Chisum (R-Pampa) that creates a "multipurpose residential fire protection sprinkler specialist" designation under the Texas State Board of Plumbing Examiners.

Rep. Otto's amendment not only eliminates sprinkler mandates it further states that builders can use these plumbers to install single-pipe systems that supply the domestic water and fire sprinkler heads. The added language states:

A multipurpose residential fire protection sprinkler specialist may install a multipurpose residential fire protection sprinkler system in a new or existing one or two-family dwelling in municipality described by subsections (a) and (b).

To see the final version of this bill click on

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