CHAPTER 414

S.B. No. 382

AN ACT

relating to the disbursement of county funds to a person owing delinquent property taxes.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION 1. Subsection (a), Section 154.025, Local Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) In this section, "debt" includes delinquent taxes, fines, fees, and indebtedness arising from written agreements with the county. The term includes delinquent property taxes whether reduced to judgment or not.

SECTION 2. Subsection (a), Section 154.045, Local Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) In this section, "debt" includes delinquent taxes, fines, fees, and indebtedness arising from written agreements with the county. The term includes delinquent property taxes whether reduced to judgment or not.

SECTION 3. The changes in law made by this Act apply only to debt for which a notice of indebtedness is filed under Subsection (b), Section 154.025, or Subsection (b), Section 154.045, Local Government Code, on or after the effective date of this Act. Debt for which notice of indebtedness is filed before the effective date of this Act is governed by the law in effect when the notice was filed, and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose.

SECTION 4. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2013.

Passed the Senate on March 13, 2013: Yeas 31, Nays 0; passed the House on May 17, 2013: Yeas 134, Nays 0, two present not voting.

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CHAPTER 415

S.B. No. 383

AN ACT

relating to the repeal of certain provisions governing the sale and use of certain refrigerants.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION 1. Section 1302.059, Occupations Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 1302.059. MOTOR VEHICLES. This chapter does not apply to a person who engages in or employs a person who engages in air conditioning services only on a motor vehicle or an MVAC-like appliance as defined by 40 C.F.R. Section 82.152 [air conditioners].

SECTION 2. Subsection (a), Section 1302.453, Occupations Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) A person commits an offense if the person:
(1) knowingly engages in air conditioning and refrigeration contracting without holding a license issued under this chapter; or

(2) knowingly engages in air conditioning and refrigeration maintenance work without holding a contractor license or technician registration issued under this chapter—or

(3) purchases a refrigerant or equipment containing a refrigerant in this state in violation of Section 1302.353, 1302.355, or 1302.356.

SECTION 3. The following provisions of the Occupations Code are repealed:

(1) Subdivisions (13) and (16), Section 1302.002;

(2) Section 1302.051;

(3) Subsection (b), Section 1302.452;

(4) Subsection (b), Section 1302.453; and

(5) Subchapter H, Chapter 1302.

SECTION 4. Not later than May 1, 2014, the Texas Commission of Licensing and Regulation shall adopt rules necessary to implement the changes in law made by this Act to Chapter 1302, Occupations Code.

SECTION 5. The repeal by this Act of Subchapter H, Chapter 1302, Occupations Code, and the amendment of Section 1302.453, Occupations Code, do not apply to an offense committed under those laws before the effective date of this Act. An offense committed before the effective date of this Act is governed by those laws as they existed on the date the offense was committed, and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose. For purposes of this section, an offense was committed before the effective date of this Act if any element of the offense occurred before that date.

SECTION 6. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2013.

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CHAPTER 416

S.B. No. 385

AN ACT

relating to authorizing assessments for water and energy improvements in regions designated by municipalities and counties; imposing a fee.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION 1. Subtitle C, Title 12, Local Government Code, is amended by adding Chapter 399 to read as follows:

CHAPTER 399. MUNICIPAL AND COUNTY WATER AND ENERGY IMPROVEMENT REGIONS

Sec. 399.001. SHORT TITLE. This chapter may be cited as the Property Assessed Clean Energy Act.

Sec. 399.002. DEFINITIONS. In this chapter:

(1) "Local government" means a municipality or county.

(2) "Program" means a program established under this chapter.