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TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED REVISIONS TO 30 TAC CHAPTER 30

The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (commission) will conduct a public hearing to receive testimony regarding proposed revisions to 30 Texas Administrative Code (TAC) Chapter 30, Occupational Licenses and Registrations, §§30.5, 30.7, 30.14, 30.18, 30.20, 30.24, 30.26, 30.28, 30.30, 30.33, and 30.36, under the requirements of Texas Government Code, Chapter 2001, Subchapter B.

The proposed rulemaking would implement House Bill (HB) 798, HB 1302, HB 1659, HB 1846, and Senate Bill 162 from the 83rd Legislature, 2013, relating to the occupational licensing requirement for certain offenses where proceedings were dismissed, exemption of Class C misdemeanors from convictions, prohibiting certain registered sex offenders from providing services in a person's residence unless supervised, child support payments, expedited processing of applications by military spouses, and credit for verified military service, training or education for military service members or military veterans. The proposed rulemaking would also repeal existing §30.33 and simultaneously propose new §30.33 in order to reorganize the section to improve readability by the public.

Additional amendments would update the occupational licensing rules by providing consistency, incorporating new training technology, reorganizing existing language, and improving readability.

The commission will hold a public hearing on this proposal in Austin on Thursday, March 6, 2014, at 2:00 p.m. in Building E, Room 201S, at the commission's central office located at 12100 Park 35 Circle. The hearing is structured for the receipt of oral or written comments by interested persons. Individuals may present oral statements when called upon in order of registration. Open discussion will not be permitted during the hearing; however, commission staff members will be available to discuss the proposal 30 minutes prior to the hearing.

Persons who have special communication or other accommodation needs who are planning to attend the hearing should contact Sandy Wong, Office of Legal Services at (512) 239-1802. Requests should be made as far in advance as possible.

Written comments may be submitted to Bruce McAnally, MC 205, Office of Legal Services, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087, or faxed to (512) 239-4808. Electronic comments may be submitted at: <http://www5.tceq.texas.gov/rules/ecomments/>. File size restrictions may apply to comments being submitted via the *eComments* system. All comments should reference Rule Project Number 2013-044-030-WS. The comment period closes March 18, 2014. Copies of the proposed rulemaking can be obtained from the commission's Web site at http://www.tceq.texas.gov/nav/rules/propose_adopt.html. For further information, please contact Ivan Messer, Occupational Licensing Unit, (512) 239-6316.