

- SUBJECT:** Amending supervision rules for code enforcement officers in training
- COMMITTEE:** Licensing & Administrative Procedures — favorable, without amendment
- VOTE:** 12 ayes — Phelan, Thompson, Geren, Harless, Harris, Hernandez, Longoria, McQueeney, Patterson, M. Perez, Romero, Walle
0 nays
1 absent — Gerdes
- SENATE VOTE:** On final passage (May 6) — 29 – 2
- WITNESSES:** For - (*Registered, but did not testify*: T. J. Patterson, City of Fort Worth)
Against - None
- BACKGROUND:** Occupations Code sec. 1952.103 states that an applicant for a code enforcement officer certificate of registration who has less than one year of full-time experience in code enforcement is entitled to receive a certificate of registration as a code enforcement officer in training on passing the required examination, paying the required fees, and meeting any other requirement. A code enforcement officer in training may engage in code enforcement under the supervision of a registered code enforcement officer.
- The current requirement that code enforcement officers in training work under the supervision of a registered code enforcement officer can create challenges for trainees in smaller and rural municipalities that cannot afford or attract registered officers. Some have suggested that certain code enforcement officers in training should be able to perform their duties without supervision to prevent delays in code enforcement and address issues such as abandoned properties, fire hazards, and zoning violations.
- DIGEST:** SB 1376 would amend Occupations Code sec. 1952.103 to include that if the employer of the code enforcement officer in training did not also

employ a registered code enforcement officer, the officer in training could engage in code enforcement without supervision.

The bill would take immediate effect if finally passed by a two-thirds record vote of the membership of each house. Otherwise, it would take effect September 1, 2025.