

HB 2271 -- Blasting

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This bill changes the laws regarding blasting. In its main provisions, the bill:

(1) Allows a license to be granted to a person holding a valid license or certification at the time of application from any other source if that license or certification meets or exceeds the requirements mandated by current law. Currently, a license can be granted if the person has held a valid license or certification within the last three years;

(2) Exempts an individual using explosives along with a well screen cleaning device for the purpose of unblocking clogged screens of agricultural irrigation wells from the requirement to obtain a blaster's license;

(3) Repeals the provision which exempts a person using explosives who is voluntarily using a seismograph calibrated to the manufacturer's standard during blasting operations from calculating the scaled distance to the nearest uncontrolled structure; and

(4) Repeals the provisions regarding the retention of seismographic recordings of the use of explosives and requires a record of each use of explosive to be made and retained for three years. The record must be completed by the end of the business day following the day in which the explosives were detonated and be available to the Division of Fire Safety within the Department of Public Safety within 24 hours of a request.