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H.B. No. 2453

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT  
2 relating to the issuance of a digital occupational license by a  
3 state agency, county, or municipality.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

5 SECTION 1. Title 2, Occupations Code, is amended by adding  
6 Chapter 60 to read as follows:

7 CHAPTER 60. DIGITAL LICENSES

8 Sec. 60.001. DEFINITIONS. In this chapter:

9 (1) "Licensing authority" means a state agency,  
10 county, or municipality that is authorized to issue an occupational  
11 license.

12 (2) "Occupational license" means a license,  
13 certificate, registration, permit, or other form of authorization  
14 required by statute, ordinance, order, or rule that must be  
15 obtained by an individual to engage in a particular business,  
16 occupation, or profession.

17 Sec. 60.002. REQUIREMENTS FOR DIGITAL LICENSES. A  
18 licensing authority that issues an occupational license may issue a  
19 digital license to a license holder. If the licensing authority  
20 issues a digital license, the digital license must comply with the  
21 following requirements:

22 (1) the digital license must be in a secure format and  
23 readily accessible by the license holder through an Internet  
24 website and on a wireless communication device;

1           (2) the public must be able to view a license holder's  
2 digital license through an Internet website or by using a QR code as  
3 defined by Section [443.001](#), Health and Safety Code; and

4           (3) if the authority contracts with a vendor for the  
5 issuance of a digital license, the digital license must be in a  
6 format in which the vendor and authority can verify the validity of  
7 the license.

8           SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.