

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.

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 2453 was passed by the House on April 26, 2023, by the following vote: Yeas 145, Nays 0, 2 present, not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 2453 was passed by the Senate on May 16, 2023, by the following vote: Yeas 26, Nays 5.

Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: _____

Date

Governor