

AN ACT

relating to the repeal of the regulation of career counseling services.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 2502, Occupations Code, is repealed.

SECTION 2. (a) A certificate of authority issued under Chapter 2502, Occupations Code, in effect on the effective date of this Act expires on that date. A bond filed or money deposited by the holder of a certificate of authority under Section 2502.053, Occupations Code, as that section existed before being repealed by this Act, shall be returned to the certificate holder by the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation not later than the 30th day after the effective date of this Act.

(b) A proceeding under Chapter 2502, Occupations Code, including a complaint investigation, disciplinary action, and administrative penalty proceeding, pending on the effective date of this Act is terminated on that date.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2005.

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President of the Senate

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 2856 was passed by the House on May 9, 2005, by the following vote: Yeas 144, Nays 0, 3 present, not voting.

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Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 2856 was passed by the Senate on May 25, 2005, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

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Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

Date

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Governor