

By: Flores

H.B. No. 3229

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the reinstatement of attorneys after disbarment.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter E, Chapter 81, Government Code, is amended by adding Section 81.080 to read as follows:

Sec. 81.080. REINSTATEMENT AFTER DISBARMENT; EXEMPTION FROM TAKING BAR EXAMINATION. Rules adopted by the supreme court relating to the reinstatement of disbarred attorneys must allow an attorney to be reinstated without having to take the bar examination if the court with jurisdiction over the proceeding finds that the attorney was a licensed attorney in good standing for at least 20 years before the disbarment.

SECTION 2. As soon as practicable after the effective date of this Act, the Texas Supreme Court shall adopt rules to implement Section 81.080, Government Code, as added by this Act.

SECTION 3. Section 81.080, Government Code, as added by this Act, applies only to a person who files an application for reinstatement to the State Bar of Texas on or after September 1, 2005.

SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2005.