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H.B. No. 1035

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the requirement that an application or examination for a state-issued license be in English.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 2005, Government Code, is amended by adding Subchapter C to read as follows:

SUBCHAPTER C. LICENSE APPLICATION AND EXAMINATION IN ENGLISH

Sec. 2005.101. DEFINITION. In this subchapter, "license" includes the whole or a part of a state agency permit, certificate, approval, registration, or similar form of permission required by law.

Sec. 2005.102. APPLICATION AND EXAMINATION IN ENGLISH. Notwithstanding any law other than federal law, including the federal Voting Rights Act (42 U.S.C. Section 1973c et seq.), an application or examination required to obtain or renew a license must be in English.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2009.