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S.B. No. 2133

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to license renewal requirements for licensed professional  
counselors.

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

SECTION 1. Section 503.354, Occupations Code, is amended by  
adding Subsection (d-1) and amending Subsection (e) to read as  
follows:

(d-1) If a person's license has been expired for more than  
one year but less than four years, and if the person has not been the  
subject of any disciplinary action taken by or pending before the  
board on or after the date the license expired, the person may renew  
the license by:

(1) fulfilling continuing education requirements as  
set by the board; and

(2) paying the renewal fees for each year in which the  
license has been expired.

(e) A person whose license has been expired for four years  
~~[one year]~~ or more may not renew the license. The person may obtain  
a new license by complying with the requirements and procedures for  
obtaining an original license.

SECTION 2. Section 503.354, Occupations Code, as amended by  
this Act, applies only to a licensed professional counselor license  
renewed on or after the effective date of this Act. A license  
renewed before the effective date of this Act is governed by the law

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1 in effect immediately before that date, and the former law is  
2 continued in effect for that purpose.

3 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2009.