Amend HB 502 (house committee printing) by striking all below the enacting clause and substituting the following:

SECTION 1. (a) In this Act, "teeth whitening" means the use of a chemical or other material, tool, product, service, or procedure to whiten human teeth. The term does not include the use of a product sold over the counter by an ultimate consumer.

(b) The State Board of Dental Examiners shall conduct a study on the health and safety risks associated with unlicensed cosmetic dentistry specifically related to the practice of teeth whitening.

(c) The study must determine the number of unlicensed individuals and businesses in this state that engage in teeth whitening and the number of reported instances of harm or injury caused by unregulated teeth whitening.

(d) Not later than January 1, 2015, the board shall submit a report on the results of the study to the governor, the lieutenant governor, the speaker of the house of representatives, and the presiding officer of each standing committee of the legislature with jurisdiction over health matters. The report must contain recommendations based on the findings.

(e) This section expires August 31, 2015.

SECTION 2. 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, 2013.

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