

By: Fletcher

H.B. No. 405

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to testimony by members and former members of the State Board of Dental Examiners.

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

SECTION 1. Section 254.018, Occupations Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 254.018. ~~[EXPERT]~~ TESTIMONY. (a) A member or former member of the board may not express an oral or written opinion or serve as an expert witness in a suit involving a health care liability claim against a person licensed or registered under this subtitle [dentist] for injury to or death of a patient or for a violation of the standard of care or the commission of malpractice [unless the member receives approval from the board or an executive committee of the board to serve as an expert witness].

(b) This section applies to a former member of the board until the second anniversary of the date the member's term expires or the member resigns from the board.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2013.