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H.B. No. 588

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the regulation of the practice of physical therapy.

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

SECTION 1. Section 453.151, Occupations Code, is amended by adding Subsection (c) to read as follows:

(c) Information regarding the home address or personal telephone number of a person licensed under this chapter or a person who is an owner or manager of a physical therapy facility registered under this chapter is confidential and not subject to disclosure under Chapter 552, Government Code. A person licensed under this chapter or a person who is an owner or manager of a physical therapy facility registered under this chapter must provide the board with a business address or address of record that will be subject to disclosure under Chapter 552, Government Code.

SECTION 2. Section 453.212, Occupations Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 453.212. DISPLAY OF LICENSE [~~AND RENEWAL CERTIFICATE~~]. A license holder under this chapter shall display the license holder's license [~~and renewal certificate~~] in a conspicuous place in the principal office in which the license holder practices physical therapy.

SECTION 3. Sections 453.252(b), (c), and (d), Occupations Code, are amended to read as follows:

(b) A person whose license has been expired for 90 days or

less may renew the license by paying to the executive council the renewal fee and a late fee set by the executive council in an amount that does not exceed one-half ~~[that is equal to half]~~ of the amount charged for examination for the license. If a person's license has been expired for more than 90 days but less than one year, the person may renew the license by paying to the executive council all unpaid renewal fees and a late fee set by the executive council in an amount that does not exceed ~~[that is equal to]~~ the amount charged for examination for the license.

(c) A person whose license has been expired for one year or longer must comply with the board's requirements and procedures to reinstate the license and pay a reinstatement fee in the amount set by the executive council ~~[may not renew the license]~~. If the person is unable to comply with the board's requirements to reinstate the license, the ~~[The]~~ person may obtain a new license by submitting to reexamination and complying with the requirements and procedures for obtaining an original license.

(d) At least 30 days before the expiration of a person's license, the executive council shall provide the person with ~~[send written]~~ notice of the impending license expiration ~~[to the person at the person's last known address according to the records of the executive council]~~.

SECTION 4. Section 453.253, Occupations Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 453.253. RENEWAL OF EXPIRED LICENSE BY OUT-OF-STATE PRACTITIONER. (a) The board may renew without reexamination the expired license of a person who was licensed to practice as a

1 physical therapist or physical therapist assistant in this state,
2 moved to another state, ~~[and]~~ is currently licensed and in good
3 standing ~~[has been in practice]~~ in the other state, and meets the
4 board's requirements for renewal ~~[for the two years preceding~~
5 ~~application]~~.

6 (b) The person must pay to the executive council a renewal
7 fee set by the executive council in an amount that does not exceed
8 ~~[that is equal to]~~ the examination fee for the license.

9 SECTION 5. (a) Not later than December 1, 2013, the Texas
10 Board of Physical Therapy Examiners and the Executive Council of
11 Physical Therapy and Occupational Therapy Examiners shall adopt
12 rules and fees necessary to implement Sections 453.252 and 453.253,
13 Occupations Code, as amended by this Act.

14 (b) Sections 453.252 and 453.253, Occupations Code, as
15 amended by this Act, apply only to the renewal of a physical
16 therapist or physical therapist assistant license that expires on
17 or after December 1, 2013. A license that expires before that date
18 is governed by the law in effect on the date the license expires,
19 and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose.

20 SECTION 6. This Act takes effect September 1, 2013.