

Amend CSSB 848 (senate committee report) as follows:

(1) In SECTION 3 of the bill, in added Subchapter B, Chapter 207, Occupations Code, (page 2, between lines 43 and 44), insert the following section and renumber subsequent sections and correct cross-references accordingly:

Sec. 207.054. REPORT REGARDING OCCUPATIONAL LICENSING. (a) Before the board complies with Section 207.051, the board must, to the extent applicable:

(1) solicit input from interested parties, including license holders and licensing authorities, and parties who favor decreasing or repealing occupational licensing requirements; and

(2) evaluate the costs associated with the license requirement, with a focus on:

(A) competition within the occupation; and

(B) associated increases in prices to consumers of goods or services;

(3) conduct a risk analysis of the harm to consumers in purchasing goods or services from practitioners in the licensed occupation;

(4) consider the extent to which consumers are adequately informed when making decisions related to the licensed occupation;

(5) consider whether the occupation is capable of regulating itself without governmental intervention;

(6) consider the availability and adequacy of alternatives to licensing by the state, including nonexclusive certifications or registrations provided by nongovernmental entities;

(7) consider whether the license requirement serves to protect existing practitioners; and

(8) conduct a cost-benefit analysis to determine if the social costs of the license requirement are justified by any benefits to the public health, safety, or welfare.

(b) Not later than January 1, 2016, the board shall:

(1) issue a report on the board's findings under Subsection (a) to:

(A) the legislature; and

(B) all interested parties who engaged with the board in completing the requirements of Subsection (a); and

(2) make the report available to the public on the board's Internet website.

(2) In SECTION 4 of the bill (page 10, line 9), strike "Not later than January 1, 2016," and substitute "As soon as practicable after the Texas Medical Board complies with Section 207.054, Occupations Code, as added by this Act,"