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H.B. No. 2197

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to fingerprinting requirements for occupational licenses.

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

SECTION 1. Title 2, Occupations Code, is amended by adding Chapter 60 to read as follows:

CHAPTER 60. FINGERPRINTING REQUIREMENTS

Sec. 60.001. DEFINITIONS. In this chapter:

(1) "License" means a license, certificate, registration, permit, or other form of authorization required by law or a state agency rule that must be obtained by an individual to engage in a particular business.

(2) "State agency" means a department, board, bureau, commission, committee, division, office, council, or agency of this state.

Sec. 60.002. FINGERPRINTING OF CERTAIN LICENSE APPLICANTS PROHIBITED. (a) Notwithstanding any other law and except as provided by this section, a state agency that issues a license may not require an applicant for the license to submit fingerprints to the agency, the Department of Public Safety, or any other person as a requirement for the issuance or renewal of the license.

(b) This section does not apply to an applicant for a license issued under Chapter 1701 or 1702.

SECTION 2. Chapter 60, Occupations Code, as added by this Act, applies only to an application for the issuance or renewal of

1 an occupational license filed on or after the effective date of this
2 Act. An application filed before that date is governed by the law
3 in effect on the date the application was filed, and the former law
4 is continued in effect for that purpose.

5 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.