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H.B. No. 2484

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the issuance of occupational licenses to certain out-of-state applicants.

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. LICENSING OUT-OF-STATE APPLICANTS

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 occupation.

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

Sec. 60.002. LICENSING OF OUT-OF-STATE APPLICANTS.

Notwithstanding any other law, a state agency that issues a license shall waive all education, training, experience, and examination requirements for obtaining a license for an applicant for the license after reviewing the applicant's credentials and determining that:

(1) the applicant holds a license issued by another state for an occupation that is substantially equivalent to the occupation for which the agency issues the license; and

1 (2) the license granted to the applicant by the other
2 state has not been restricted, suspended, revoked, or surrendered
3 for any reason.

4 SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies only
5 to an application for a license submitted to a state agency on or
6 after the effective date of this Act. An application submitted to a
7 state agency before the effective date of this Act is governed by
8 the law in effect on the date the application was submitted, and the
9 former law is continued in effect for that purpose.

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