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H.B. No. 2613

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to the suspension of occupational and driver's licenses  
3 issued to persons who fail to pay an administrative penalty imposed  
4 by the Texas Funeral Service Commission.

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

6 SECTION 1. Chapter 57, Occupations Code, is amended by  
7 adding Section 57.003 to read as follows:

8 Sec. 57.003. LICENSE SUSPENSION BY STATE AGENCY. (a) For  
9 purposes of this section, "license," as defined by Section 57.001,  
10 includes a driver's license.

11 (b) A state agency may suspend any license issued by the  
12 agency to a person who fails to pay an administrative penalty  
13 imposed under Chapter 651 when due.

14 (c) A state agency that receives notice under Section  
15 651.556(b) shall suspend any license issued by the agency to the  
16 person who is the subject of the notice until the state agency  
17 receives notice from the Texas Funeral Service Commission that the  
18 penalty imposed under Chapter 651 has been paid.

19 SECTION 2. Section 651.551(a), Occupations Code, is amended  
20 to read as follows:

21 (a) The commission may assess an administrative penalty  
22 against a person, regardless of whether the person holds a license  
23 issued [regulated] under this chapter, if the commission determines  
24 that the person has violated this chapter or a rule adopted under

1 this chapter.

2 SECTION 3. Section 651.556, Occupations Code, is amended to  
3 read as follows:

4 Sec. 651.556. COLLECTION OF PENALTY. (a) On the  
5 commission's request, the attorney general shall bring a civil  
6 action to recover an administrative penalty owed under this  
7 chapter.

8 (b) The commission may, in addition to making a request  
9 under Subsection (a), establish by rule a procedure to provide  
10 notice to a state agency that a person owes an administrative  
11 penalty under this chapter for purposes of Section 57.003.

12 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.