

Amend CSSB 267 (senate committee report) by adding the following appropriately numbered SECTIONS to the bill and renumbering subsequent SECTIONS of the bill accordingly:

SECTION _____. Subchapter B, Chapter 241, Health and Safety Code, is amended by adding Section 241.0221 to read as follows:

Sec. 241.0221. CRIMINAL HISTORY BACKGROUND CHECK FOR LICENSE APPLICANTS. (a) This section does not apply to a governmental unit required to obtain a license under this chapter.

(b) The department shall conduct a criminal history background check on each applicant for a license under this chapter and, if the applicant is a partnership or corporation, each individual named in the application under Section 241.022(b).

(c) The executive commissioner by rule shall:

(1) determine the manner by which an applicant or individual is required to submit information for purposes of a criminal history background check under this section; and

(2) establish criteria for determining whether an applicant is eligible for a license under this chapter based on the criminal history background check conducted under this section.

(d) The department may enter into an agreement with the Department of Public Safety to conduct the criminal history background check required under this section.

SECTION _____. Section 241.0221, Health and Safety Code, as added by this Act, applies only to an application for an original license submitted on or after the effective date of this Act. An application submitted before that date is governed by the law in effect on the date the application was submitted, and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose.

SECTION _____. As soon as practicable after the effective date of this Act, the executive commissioner of the Health and Human Services Commission shall adopt rules necessary to implement Section 241.0221, Health and Safety Code, as added by this Act.