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H.B. No. 91

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT  
2 relating to a review of occupational licensing requirements related  
3 to an applicant's criminal history.

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

5 SECTION 1. DEFINITIONS. In this Act:

6 (1) "License" means a license, certificate,  
7 registration, permit, or other authorization that:

8 (A) is issued by a licensing authority; and

9 (B) an individual must obtain to practice or  
10 engage in a particular business, occupation, or profession.

11 (2) "Licensing authority" means a department,  
12 commission, board, or other agency of the state that issues a  
13 license.

14 SECTION 2. REVIEW REGARDING ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS  
15 RELATED TO CRIMINAL HISTORY. Each licensing authority shall, for  
16 each license issued by the authority that has an eligibility  
17 requirement related to an applicant's criminal history, review the  
18 requirement and make a recommendation regarding whether the  
19 requirement should be retained, modified, or repealed.

20 SECTION 3. REPORT. Not later than December 1, 2018, each  
21 licensing authority shall submit a report on the results of the  
22 authority's review to the lieutenant governor, the speaker of the  
23 house of representatives, and each member of the legislature and  
24 include the authority's recommendations.

1 SECTION 4. EXPIRATION. This Act expires January 1, 2019.

2 SECTION 5. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act takes effect  
3 immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members  
4 elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas  
5 Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for  
6 immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2017.