

1 AN ACT

2 relating to a review of occupational licensing requirements and an
3 applicant's criminal history.

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

5 SECTION 1. REVIEW OF OCCUPATIONAL LICENSING ELIGIBILITY
6 REQUIREMENTS RELATED TO CRIMINAL HISTORY; REPORT. (a) In this
7 section:

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

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

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

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

16 (b) Each licensing authority shall, for each license issued
17 by the authority that has an eligibility requirement related to an
18 applicant's criminal history, review the requirement and make a
19 recommendation regarding whether the requirement should be
20 retained, modified, or repealed.

21 (c) Not later than December 1, 2018, each licensing
22 authority shall submit a report on the results of the authority's
23 review to the lieutenant governor, the speaker of the house of
24 representatives, and each member of the legislature and include the

1 authority's recommendations.

2 (d) This section expires January 1, 2019.

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

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 91 was passed by the House on April 27, 2017, by the following vote: Yeas 144, Nays 0, 3 present, not voting; and that the House concurred in Senate amendments to H.B. No. 91 on May 25, 2017, by the following vote: Yeas 143, Nays 0, 2 present, not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 91 was passed by the Senate, with amendments, on May 23, 2017, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: _____

Date

Governor