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By:  Dutton H.B. No. 2852

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the consideration of a criminal conviction to determine an applicant's eligibility for certain barbering certificates and licenses.

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

SECTION 1.  Section 53.002, Occupations Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 53.002.  APPLICABILITY OF CHAPTER.  This chapter does not apply to:

(1)  the Supreme Court of Texas, a person licensed under the court's authority on behalf of the judicial department of government, or an applicant for a license issued under the court's authority on behalf of the judicial department of government;

(2)  a person licensed or an applicant for a license under Chapter 1701;

(3)  an applicant for certification as emergency medical services personnel under Chapter 773, Health and Safety Code; [~~or~~]

(4)  a person who:

(A)  is licensed by the Texas Medical Board, the Texas State Board of Pharmacy, the State Board of Dental Examiners, or the State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners; and

(B)  has been convicted of a felony under Chapter 481 or 483 or Section 485.033, Health and Safety Code; or

(5)  an applicant for a Class A barber certificate or a barber technician license under Chapter 1601.

SECTION 2.  The change in law made by this Act applies only to an application for a certificate or license submitted on or after the effective date of this Act. An application for a certificate or license submitted before the effective date of this Act 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 3.  This Act takes effect September 1, 2019.