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H.B. No. 1642

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the requirements for issuing and renewing certain certificates and licenses to practice barbering.

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

SECTION 1. Section 1601.265(a), Occupations Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) Subject to Section 1603.2545, the ~~The~~ department shall issue a license or certificate to an applicant for a license or certificate issued under Section 1601.253, 1601.256, or 1601.258 if the applicant:

(1) submits an application on a form prescribed by the department;

(2) pays the application fee; and

(3) provides proof that the applicant holds a current license to engage in the same or a similar activity issued by another jurisdiction that has license requirements substantially equivalent to those of this state.

SECTION 2. Section 1601.402, Occupations Code, is amended by adding Subsection (d) to read as follows:

(d) Notwithstanding Subsection (c), a Class A barber or barber technician may not renew a certificate or license issued under Section 1601.253 or 1601.256 unless the person has passed an examination administered under Section 1603.2545. This subsection expires June 1, 2022.

1 SECTION 3. Subchapter F, Chapter 1603, Occupations Code, is  
2 amended by adding Section 1603.2545 to read as follows:

3 Sec. 1603.2545. EXAMINATION FOR CERTAIN CLASS A BARBER  
4 CERTIFICATE OR BARBER TECHNICIAN LICENSE APPLICANTS. An applicant  
5 under Section 1601.265 for a Class A barber certificate or barber  
6 technician license must pass an examination prescribed by the  
7 department. The content of the examination must focus on customer  
8 safety, including sanitary and hygiene requirements.

9 SECTION 4. (a) Not later than December 1, 2019, the Texas  
10 Commission of Licensing and Regulation shall adopt rules necessary  
11 to implement the changes in law made by this Act.

12 (b) The changes in law made by this Act with respect to the  
13 issuance of a certificate or license apply only to an application  
14 for the issuance of a Class A barber certificate or barber  
15 technician license submitted on or after January 1, 2020. An  
16 application for the issuance of a Class A barber certificate or  
17 barber technician license submitted before that date is governed by  
18 the law in effect immediately before the effective date of this Act,  
19 and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose.

20 (c) Section 1601.402(d), Occupations Code, as added by this  
21 Act, applies only to a Class A barber certificate or barber  
22 technician license that expires on or after January 1, 2020. A  
23 certificate or license that expires before that date is governed by  
24 the law in effect on the date the certificate or license expired,  
25 and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose.

26 SECTION 5. This Act takes effect September 1, 2019.