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S.B. No. 620

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the continuation and functions of the Texas Funeral Service Commission.

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

SECTION 1. Section 711.007(b), Health and Safety Code, is amended to read as follows:

(b) The proceeding may be brought by:

(1) the attorney general;

(2) the Banking Commissioner of Texas;

(3) the governing body of a municipality with a population of more than 25,000, if the cemetery is located in the municipality or not farther than five miles from the municipality;

(4) the district attorney of the county, if the cemetery is located in an area of the county not described by Subdivision (3);

(5) the owner of a residence:

(A) in or near the municipality in which the cemetery is located; or

(B) in the area proscribed for the location of a cemetery by Section 711.008; or

(6) ~~[the Texas Funeral Service Commission; or~~

~~(7)]~~ the owner of a plot in the cemetery.

SECTION 2. Section 711.012(b), Health and Safety Code, is amended to read as follows:

1 (b) The Texas Funeral Service Commission may adopt rules,  
2 establish procedures, and prescribe forms to enforce and administer  
3 Sections 711.003 and [~~711.008,~~] 711.0105[~~711.021-711.034,~~  
4 ~~711.038, 711.0395, 711.041, 711.042, 711.052, 711.061, 711.063,~~  
5 ~~and 711.064 relating to cemeteries that are not perpetual care~~  
6 ~~cemeteries~~].

7 SECTION 3. Section 711.0515, Health and Safety Code, is  
8 amended to read as follows:

9 Sec. 711.0515. ENFORCEMENT BY ATTORNEY GENERAL; INJUNCTIVE  
10 RELIEF. In addition to bringing an action under Section 711.051,  
11 the attorney general [~~at the request of the Texas Funeral Service~~  
12 ~~Commission~~] may bring an action for injunctive relief to enforce  
13 this chapter or a rule or order adopted by the Texas Funeral Service  
14 Commission [~~commission~~] under this chapter.

15 SECTION 4. Section 715.003, Health and Safety Code, is  
16 amended to read as follows:

17 Sec. 715.003. PARTIES TO ACTION. An action commenced under  
18 this chapter shall be brought by the incorporators of the nonprofit  
19 corporation on behalf of the nonprofit corporation. The necessary  
20 parties to the action on which citation shall be served under  
21 Section 715.006 are:

22 (1) the record owners of the real property comprising  
23 the historic cemetery;

24 (2) the owners of plots in the cemetery, who may be  
25 designated as a class in the petition; and

26 (3) the Texas Historical Commission[~~and~~  
27 [~~(4) the Texas Funeral Service Commission~~].

SECTION 5. Section 715.006(a), Health and Safety Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) Before the 31st day after the date an action is commenced by a nonprofit corporation under this chapter, the nonprofit corporation shall cause citation to be issued and served by certified mail, return receipt requested, on:

(1) the record owners of the real property comprising the cemetery at their last known addresses;

(2) the owners of plots in the cemetery at their last known addresses;

(3) the Texas Historical Commission at its office in Austin, Texas; and

(4) ~~[the Texas Funeral Service Commission; and~~

~~(5)]~~ the county auditor of the county in which the cemetery is located.

SECTION 6. The heading to Subtitle L, Title 3, Occupations Code, is amended to read as follows:

SUBTITLE L. ~~[CEMETERY AND]~~ CREMATORY SERVICES, FUNERAL DIRECTING,  
AND EMBALMING

SECTION 7. The heading to Chapter 651, Occupations Code, is amended to read as follows:

CHAPTER 651. ~~[CEMETERY AND]~~ CREMATORY SERVICES, FUNERAL DIRECTING,  
AND EMBALMING

SECTION 8. Section 651.002, Occupations Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 651.002. APPLICATION OF SUNSET ACT. The Texas Funeral Service Commission is subject to Chapter 325, Government Code

(Texas Sunset Act). Unless continued in existence as provided by that chapter, the commission is abolished and this chapter expires September 1, 2031 [~~2019~~].

SECTION 9. Section 651.004, Occupations Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 651.004. REGULATION OF [~~CEMETERY AND~~] CREMATORY SERVICES. (a) The commission shall regulate [~~cemetery and~~] crematory services as provided by this chapter and Chapter 716, Health and Safety Code.

(b) The commission may not regulate cemetery or crematory services that occur after burial or inurnment unless the services relate to the care and treatment of the remains in an urn, casket, or outer enclosure.

SECTION 10. Section 651.051(a), Occupations Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) The Texas Funeral Service Commission consists of seven members appointed by the governor, with the advice and consent of the senate as follows:

(1) two members who are licensed as both an embalmer and a funeral director for at least the five years preceding appointment to the commission;

(2) one member who is a crematory [~~registered cemetery~~] owner or operator; and

(3) four members who represent the public and who:

(A) are not regulated under this chapter; and

(B) have consistently shown an interest in supporting consumer protection.

SECTION 11. Section [651.0511](#), Occupations Code, is amended by amending Subsection (b) and adding Subsection (d) to read as follows:

(b) The training program must provide the person with information regarding:

(1) the law governing commission operations [~~this chapter~~];

(2) the programs, functions, rules, and budget of [~~operated by~~] the commission;

(3) the scope of and limitations on the rulemaking authority [~~the role and functions~~] of the commission;

(4) [~~the rules of the commission, with an emphasis on the rules that relate to disciplinary and investigatory authority,~~

[~~(5) the current budget for the commission,~~

[~~(6)~~] the results of the most recent formal audit of the commission;

(5) [~~(7)~~] the requirements of:

(A) laws relating to [~~the~~] open meetings [~~law~~], [~~Chapter 551, Government Code,~~

[~~(B) the~~] public information [~~law~~], [~~Chapter 552, Government Code,~~

[~~(C) the~~] administrative procedure [~~law~~], and disclosing conflicts of interest [~~Chapter 2001, Government Code~~];

and

(B) [~~(D)~~] other laws applicable to members of a state policymaking body in performing their duties [~~relating to public officials, including conflict-of-interest laws~~]; and

1           (6) ~~[(8)]~~ any applicable ethics policies adopted by  
2 the commission or the Texas Ethics Commission.

3           (d) The executive director of the commission shall create a  
4 training manual that includes the information required by  
5 Subsection (b). The executive director shall distribute a copy of  
6 the training manual annually to each member of the commission. On  
7 receipt of the training manual, each member of the commission shall  
8 sign and submit to the executive director a statement acknowledging  
9 receipt of the training manual.

10          SECTION 12. Section [651.151](#), Occupations Code, is amended  
11 by adding Subsection (d) to read as follows:

12          (d) The commission may appoint advisory committees to  
13 perform the advisory functions assigned to the committees by the  
14 commission. An advisory committee appointed under this subsection  
15 is subject to Chapter [2110](#), Government Code.

16          SECTION 13. Section [651.1525](#)(a), Occupations Code, is  
17 amended to read as follows:

18          (a) Before publishing a proposed rule for public comment,  
19 the commission shall seek advice and opinions from persons who will  
20 be most affected by the rule. At a minimum, those persons must  
21 include consumer groups and trade associations that represent  
22 persons from each group regulated by the commission, including  
23 funeral directors and ~~[cemetery and]~~ crematory operators.

24          SECTION 14. Section [651.154](#)(a), Occupations Code, is  
25 amended to read as follows:

26          (a) The commission by rule shall establish ~~[set the~~  
27 ~~following]~~ fees in amounts reasonable and necessary to cover the

1 costs of administering [~~administer~~] this chapter[+]

2 [~~(1) the funeral director's and embalmer's application~~  
3 ~~fee, license fee, duplicate license fee, and reciprocal license~~  
4 ~~fee, and~~

5 [~~(2) the cemetery, crematory, or funeral~~  
6 ~~establishment license fee, renewal fee, and late renewal penalty~~].

7 SECTION 15. The heading to Section 651.157, Occupations  
8 Code, is amended to read as follows:

9 Sec. 651.157. INSPECTION OF [~~CEMETERY~~] CREMATORY[~~7~~] OR  
10 FUNERAL ESTABLISHMENT.

11 SECTION 16. Sections 651.157(a), (b), (d), and (f),  
12 Occupations Code, are amended to read as follows:

13 (a) Except as provided by Subsection (b), a licensed  
14 [~~cemetery~~] crematory[~~7~~] or funeral establishment shall be  
15 inspected at least once every three [~~two~~] years by an agent of the  
16 commission or by an agent of the state or a political subdivision  
17 authorized by the commission to make inspections on its behalf.

18 (b) If the commission finds a violation of this chapter or  
19 of Chapter 193, 361, 711, 714, 715, or 716, Health and Safety Code,  
20 the commission shall inspect the [~~cemetery~~] crematory[~~7~~] or  
21 funeral establishment annually until the commission determines  
22 that the establishment is free of violations.

23 (d) The commission by rule shall establish:

24 (1) procedures for the inspection of a [~~cemetery~~]  
25 crematory[~~7~~] or funeral establishment required by this section; and

26 (2) criteria, including consideration of the  
27 establishment's inspection and complaint history, regarding when

the commission should inspect an establishment based on the risk of a violation at an establishment.

(f) Before a commission agent inspects a ~~[cemetery,~~ crematory~~]~~ or funeral establishment, the agent shall review the inspection reports filed with the commission on the establishment. During the inspection, the agent shall determine whether previously identified problems have been corrected and whether a pattern of violations exists. The commission shall consider the information from the inspection reports in determining whether a penalty should be imposed against an establishment.

SECTION 17. Section 651.162, Occupations Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 651.162. ANNUAL ~~[BIENNIAL]~~ REPORT. (a) The commission shall prepare ~~[file biennially with the governor]~~ a written annual report describing ~~[description of]~~ the activities of the commission during the ~~[two]~~ preceding fiscal year ~~[years]~~. The report must include information regarding:

- (1) licensing, inspection, and enforcement activities;
- (2) changes to commission policies; and
- (3) complaint information.

(b) The commission shall post the report on the commission's Internet website.

SECTION 18. Section 651.164, Occupations Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 651.164. LICENSE EXPIRATION; TERM. (a) A license issued under this chapter, other than a provisional license, is



1 valid for a term of one or two years as provided by commission rule.

2       **(b)** The commission by rule may adopt a system under which  
3 licenses expire on various dates during the year. For the year in  
4 which the license expiration date is changed, the commission shall  
5 prorate license fees on a monthly basis so that each license holder  
6 pays only that portion of the license fee that is allocable to the  
7 number of months during which the license is valid. On renewal of  
8 the license on the new expiration date, the total license renewal  
9 fee is payable.

10       SECTION 19. Subchapter E, Chapter 651, Occupations Code, is  
11 amended by adding Section 651.2035 to read as follows:

12       Sec. 651.2035. CONFIDENTIALITY OF COMPLAINT INFORMATION.

13 (a) Except as provided by Subsection (b), a complaint and  
14 investigation and all information and materials compiled by the  
15 commission in connection with the complaint and investigation are  
16 not subject to:

17               (1) disclosure under Chapter 552, Government Code; or

18               (2) disclosure, discovery, subpoena, or other means of  
19 legal compulsion for release of information to any person.

20       (b) A complaint or investigation subject to Subsection (a)  
21 and all information and materials compiled by the commission in  
22 connection with the complaint may be disclosed to:

23               (1) the commission and commission employees or agents  
24 involved in license holder discipline;

25               (2) a party to a disciplinary action against the  
26 license holder or that party's designated representative;

27               (3) a law enforcement agency; or

1           (4) a governmental agency, if the disclosure is  
2 required or permitted by law.

3           (c) Notwithstanding Subsection (a), on the dismissal or  
4 final resolution of a complaint or investigation, a final order of  
5 the commission is subject to disclosure under Chapter 552,  
6 Government Code.

7           SECTION 20. Section 651.259(e), Occupations Code, is  
8 amended to read as follows:

9           (e) The commission shall conduct a criminal background  
10 check on each applicant. An applicant is not eligible for a license  
11 under this section if the applicant has, in the 10 years preceding  
12 the date of the application, been finally convicted of a  
13 ~~[misdemeanor involving moral turpitude or a]~~ felony.

14           SECTION 21. Section 651.2595(e), Occupations Code, is  
15 amended to read as follows:

16           (e) The commission may establish a fee for the issuance of a  
17 provisional license ~~[licenses]~~ in an amount provided by rule  
18 ~~[reasonable and necessary to cover the cost of issuing the~~  
19 ~~license]~~.

20           SECTION 22. Sections 651.260(a) and (b), Occupations Code,  
21 are amended to read as follows:

22           (a) A ~~[If a license issued under this chapter is lost or~~  
23 ~~destroyed, the]~~ license holder may apply to the commission for a  
24 duplicate license:

25                   (1) if a license issued under this chapter is lost or  
26 destroyed; or

27                   (2) as needed to comply with Section 651.261.

(b) The license holder must submit the application on a form prescribed by the commission and must submit with the application an affidavit verifying:

(1) for an applicant under Subsection (a)(1), the loss or destruction of the license;

(2) that the license holder is the person to whom the license was issued; and

(3) for an applicant under Subsection (a)(1), any other information concerning the loss or destruction of the license the commission requires.

SECTION 23. The heading to Subchapter H, Chapter 651, Occupations Code, is amended to read as follows:

SUBCHAPTER H. LICENSE REQUIREMENTS: ~~[CEMETERY]~~ FUNERAL~~[,]~~ AND  
COMMERCIAL EMBALMER ESTABLISHMENTS

SECTION 24. Section 651.351(g), Occupations Code, is amended to read as follows:

(g) The commission may exempt a funeral establishment from the requirements of Subsection (d)(5) if the establishment meets the requirements for the exemption provided by commission rule~~[+]~~

~~[(1) the majority owner or designated agent of record of a funeral establishment submits a written petition to the commission requesting an exemption and stating:~~

~~[(A) the establishment's name and address,~~

~~[(B) that the establishment is located within 50 miles of a facility owned by the establishment requesting the exemption and at which embalming services may be performed, and~~

~~[(C) that no embalming services will be performed~~

1 ~~at the establishment, and~~

2 ~~[(2) the commission determines that the criteria in~~  
3 ~~Subdivision (1) have been met].~~

4 SECTION 25. Section 651.354, Occupations Code, is amended  
5 to read as follows:

6 Sec. 651.354. RENEWAL OF ~~[CEMETERY OR]~~ FUNERAL  
7 ESTABLISHMENT LICENSE. (a) The commission shall mail written  
8 notice to a ~~[cemetery or]~~ funeral establishment of the impending  
9 expiration of the establishment's license not later than the 30th  
10 day before the expiration date of the license. The notice must  
11 state that:

12 (1) to renew the license, the ~~[cemetery or]~~ funeral  
13 establishment must pay the renewal fee in an amount provided by rule  
14 not later than the license expiration date; and

15 (2) the license is automatically renewed on receipt of  
16 the renewal fee.

17 (b) A ~~[cemetery or]~~ funeral establishment that fails to pay  
18 the license renewal fee by the due date is subject to a late payment  
19 penalty equal to the amount charged for the license renewal fee.

20 (c) If the license is expired for longer than 30 days, the  
21 ~~[cemetery or]~~ funeral establishment may not operate as a ~~[cemetery~~  
22 ~~or]~~ funeral establishment until the renewal fee and the late  
23 payment penalty are paid.

24 ~~[(d) This section does not apply to a perpetual care~~  
25 ~~cemetery.]~~

26 SECTION 26. Section 651.401, Occupations Code, is amended  
27 by amending Subsections (a), (b), and (d) and adding Subsection (e)

1 to read as follows:

2 (a) A funeral director or embalmer must direct and  
3 personally supervise the removal or transfer [~~pickup~~] of a dead  
4 human body on first call.

5 (b) A dead human body may be transferred without a funeral  
6 director personally supervising [~~making~~] the transfer:

7 (1) from one funeral establishment to another;

8 (2) from a funeral establishment to and from a morgue  
9 in which an autopsy is performed;

10 (3) to and from an airport, crematory, or both; or

11 (4) in circumstances in which there is no reasonable  
12 probability that an unlicensed person will encounter a family  
13 member or other person with whom funeral arrangements are normally  
14 made by a funeral director or embalmer.

15 (d) A funeral director or embalmer who directs the removal  
16 or transfer of a dead human body without personally supervising the  
17 transfer is strictly accountable for compliance with the  
18 requirements of [~~first call as provided by~~] this section.

19 (e) The removal or transfer of a dead human body that does  
20 not occur on first call is exempt from the supervision requirements  
21 of this section.

22 SECTION 27. The heading to Section 651.4055, Occupations  
23 Code, is amended to read as follows:

24 Sec. 651.4055. RETAIL PRICE LIST; [~~CEMETERY OR~~] CREMATORY.

25 SECTION 28. Sections 651.4055(a) and (b), Occupations Code,  
26 are amended to read as follows:

27 (a) In this section, "retail price list" means a printed or

1 typewritten list of the retail price of items or services provided  
2 by a [~~cemetery or~~] crematory.

3 (b) A retail price list must contain:

4 (1) the name, address, and telephone number of the  
5 [~~cemetery or~~] crematory;

6 (2) the effective date for the stated prices;

7 (3) notice required by Subsection (c); and

8 (4) any other items that the commission may by rule  
9 require.

10 SECTION 29. The heading to Section 651.4065, Occupations  
11 Code, is amended to read as follows:

12 Sec. 651.4065. PURCHASE AGREEMENT; [~~CEMETERY OR~~]  
13 CREMATORY.

14 SECTION 30. Section 651.4065(a), Occupations Code, is  
15 amended to read as follows:

16 (a) A purchase agreement must state:

17 (1) the name, address, and telephone number of the  
18 [~~cemetery or~~] crematory;

19 (2) the amount paid or owed to another person by the  
20 [~~cemetery or~~] crematory on behalf of the customer and each fee  
21 charged the customer for the cost of advancing funds or becoming  
22 indebted to another person on behalf of the customer;

23 (3) the printed notice required by Subsection (b);

24 (4) the name, mailing address, and telephone number of  
25 the commission;

26 (5) a statement that complaints may be directed to the  
27 commission; and

(6) any other items that the commission may by rule require.

SECTION 31. Section 651.455, Occupations Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 651.455. FALSE OR MISLEADING STATEMENTS REGARDING FUNERAL MERCHANDISE OR FUNERAL~~[, CEMETERY]~~ OR CREMATORY SERVICES.

~~[(a)]~~ A person violates this chapter if the person uses a statement that misleads or deceives the public, including a fraudulent statement or any other type of a false or misleading statement regarding:

(1) a legal, religious, or cemetery requirement for funeral merchandise or funeral~~[, cemetery]~~ or crematory services;

(2) the preservative qualities of funeral merchandise or funeral~~[, cemetery]~~ or crematory services in preventing or substantially delaying natural decomposition of human remains;

(3) the airtight or watertight properties of a casket or outer enclosure;

(4) the licenses held by the personnel in the operation of the ~~[cemetery]~~ crematory~~[,]~~ or funeral establishment; or

(5) an activity regulated under this chapter, including the sale of funeral-related goods or services.

SECTION 32. Section 651.460, Occupations Code, is amended by amending Subsection (b) and adding Subsection (c) to read as follows:

(b) A funeral establishment violates this chapter if:

(1) the funeral establishment fails to substantially

1 comply with Section 651.351;

2 (2) the funeral establishment or a person acting on  
3 behalf of the funeral establishment violates Chapter 193 or 361,  
4 Health and Safety Code; ~~or~~

5 (3) the funeral establishment, a person acting on  
6 behalf of the funeral establishment, or a person directly or  
7 indirectly connected with the funeral establishment violates  
8 Chapter 154, Finance Code, or a rule adopted under that chapter; or

9 (4) the funeral establishment or a person acting on  
10 behalf of a funeral establishment allows or assists an unlicensed  
11 person to engage in an activity for which a person is required to  
12 hold a license under this chapter.

13 (c) A crematory violates this chapter if the crematory or a  
14 person acting on behalf of the crematory allows or assists an  
15 unlicensed person to engage in an activity for which a person is  
16 required to hold a license under this chapter.

17 SECTION 33. Section 651.501(a), Occupations Code, is  
18 amended to read as follows:

19 (a) After a hearing as provided by this subchapter, the  
20 commission may issue a reprimand, assess an administrative penalty,  
21 revoke, suspend, or probate the suspension of a license or  
22 provisional license, order a license holder to pay a refund under  
23 Section 651.603, or impose any combination of those penalties for a  
24 violation of this chapter or a rule adopted under this chapter.

25 SECTION 34. Section 651.601, Occupations Code, is amended  
26 by adding Subsection (a-2) to read as follows:

27 (a-2) The commission may bring an action for appropriate



1 injunctive relief against a person who is not licensed under this  
2 chapter to enjoin a violation of this chapter or a rule adopted  
3 under this chapter.

4 SECTION 35. Subchapter M, Chapter 651, Occupations Code, is  
5 amended by adding Section 651.603 to read as follows:

6 Sec. 651.603. REFUND. (a) The commission may order a  
7 license holder to pay a refund to a person harmed by the license  
8 holder's violation of this chapter or failure to fulfill the terms  
9 of a purchase agreement with the person.

10 (b) The amount of a refund ordered under this section may  
11 not exceed the actual amount paid by the person to the license  
12 holder.

13 SECTION 36. Section 651.657, Occupations Code, is amended  
14 by adding Subsection (d) to read as follows:

15 (d) The application form for renewal of a license as a  
16 crematory establishment must allow the applicant to provide a  
17 written statement that the information previously provided to the  
18 commission under Subsection (b) has not changed, if applicable.

19 SECTION 37. Section 651.658, Occupations Code, is amended  
20 by amending Subsections (a) and (f) and adding Subsection (a-1) to  
21 read as follows:

22 (a) A ~~[To renew a crematory establishment license, the]~~  
23 crematory establishment must annually~~+~~

24 ~~[-1-]~~ file a report with the commission that lists the  
25 number of cremations performed at the crematory during the previous  
26 year.

27 (a-1) An applicant for renewal of a crematory establishment

license shall apply to the commission and~~+~~

~~[(2)]~~ pay the required ~~[license renewal]~~ fee~~+, and~~

~~[(3)] provide the information required by Section 651.657 or a written statement that the information has not changed since previously provided].~~

(f) The commission shall impose a ~~[\$100]~~ late fee in an amount provided by rule for each day a crematory establishment fails to submit the annual report required by this section if an extension has not been granted.

SECTION 38. The following provisions of the Occupations Code are repealed:

- (1) Sections 651.154(b) and (c);
- (2) Section 651.1571;
- (3) Section 651.203(b);
- (4) Section 651.353;
- (5) Section 651.355; and
- (6) Section 651.4065(c).

SECTION 39. The change in law made by this Act to Section 651.051(a), Occupations Code, does not affect the entitlement of a member serving on the Texas Funeral Service Commission immediately before the effective date of this Act to continue to serve for the remainder of the member's term. As the terms of commission members expire, the governor shall appoint or reappoint members who have the qualifications required for members under Section 651.051(a), Occupations Code, as amended by this Act.

SECTION 40. (a) Except as provided by Subsection (b) of this section, Section 651.0511, Occupations Code, as amended by

1 this Act, applies to a member of the Texas Funeral Service  
2 Commission appointed before, on, or after the effective date of  
3 this Act.

4 (b) A member of the Texas Funeral Service Commission who,  
5 before the effective date of this Act, completed the training  
6 program required by Section 651.0511, Occupations Code, as that law  
7 existed before the effective date of this Act, is required to  
8 complete additional training only on subjects added by this Act to  
9 the training program as required by Section 651.0511, Occupations  
10 Code, as amended by this Act. A member of the commission described  
11 by this subsection may not vote, deliberate, or be counted as a  
12 member in attendance at a meeting of the commission held on or after  
13 December 1, 2019, until the member completes the additional  
14 training.

15 SECTION 41. Section 651.259(e), Occupations Code, as  
16 amended by this Act, applies only to an application for a license  
17 submitted on or after the effective date of this Act. An  
18 application for a license submitted before that date is governed by  
19 the law in effect immediately before the effective date of this Act,  
20 and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose.

21 SECTION 42. Section 651.351(g), Occupations Code, as  
22 amended by this Act, applies only to an exemption requested by a  
23 funeral establishment on or after the date the Texas Funeral  
24 Service Commission adopts rules providing for the requirements for  
25 an exemption under that subsection. A request made before that date  
26 is governed by the law in effect immediately before the effective  
27 date of this Act, and the former law is continued in effect for that

1 purpose.

2       SECTION 43. Sections 651.460(b) and 651.501(a),  
3 Occupations Code, as amended by this Act, and Sections 651.460(c),  
4 651.601(a-2), and 651.603, Occupations Code, as added by this Act,  
5 apply only to conduct that occurs on or after the effective date of  
6 this Act. Conduct that occurs before that date is governed by the  
7 law in effect on the date the conduct occurred, and the former law  
8 is continued in effect for that purpose.

9       SECTION 44. The changes made by this Act to Chapter 651,  
10 Occupations Code, relating to fees under that chapter apply only to  
11 a fee that becomes due on or after the effective date of this Act. A  
12 fee that became due before that date is governed by the law in  
13 effect on the date the fee became due, and the former law is  
14 continued in effect for that purpose.

15       SECTION 45. (a) Except as provided by Subsection (b) of  
16 this section, this Act takes effect September 1, 2019.

17       (b) Section 651.162, Occupations Code, as amended by this  
18 Act, takes effect September 1, 2020.