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S.B. No. 834

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the issuance of an occupational license to certain applicants with prior convictions.

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

SECTION 1. Section 53.0211(b), Occupations Code, is amended to read as follows:

(b) Notwithstanding any law other than Subsection (a) and unless the applicant has been convicted of an offense described by Section 53.021(a)(1), (3), or (4), or an offense described by Section 53.021(a)(2) that is punishable as a felony [~~53.021(a)~~], a licensing authority shall issue to an otherwise qualified applicant who has been convicted of an offense:

(1) the license for which the applicant applied; or

(2) a provisional license described by Subsection (c).

SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies only to an application for a license submitted on or after the effective date of this Act. An application for a 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.