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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the selection of forensic science professional services by governmental entities.

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

SECTION 1.  Section 2254.002(2), Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

(2)  "Professional services" means services:

(A)  within the scope of the practice, as defined by state law, of:

(i)  accounting;

(ii)  architecture;

(iii)  landscape architecture;

(iv)  land surveying;

(v)  medicine;

(vi)  optometry;

(vii)  professional engineering;

(viii)  real estate appraising; [~~or~~]

(ix)  professional nursing; or

(x)  forensic science;

(B)  provided in connection with the professional employment or practice of a person who is licensed or registered as:

(i)  a certified public accountant;

(ii)  an architect;

(iii)  a landscape architect;

(iv)  a land surveyor;

(v)  a physician, including a surgeon;

(vi)  an optometrist;

(vii)  a professional engineer;

(viii)  a state certified or state licensed real estate appraiser; [~~or~~]

(ix)  a registered nurse; or

(x)  a forensic analyst or forensic science expert; or

(C)  provided by a person lawfully engaged in interior design, regardless of whether the person is registered as an interior designer under Chapter 1053, Occupations Code.

SECTION 2.  This Act takes effect September 1, 2021.