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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to remedial plans issued by the State Board of Dental Examiners to address complaints against dentists and dental hygienists.

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

SECTION 1.  Section 263.0077, Occupations Code, is amended by amending Subsection (d) and adding Subsection (f-1) to read as follows:

(d)  The board may not issue a remedial plan to resolve a complaint against a license holder if the license holder has entered into a remedial plan with the board in the preceding five years [~~previously entered into a remedial plan with the board for the resolution of a different complaint filed under this subtitle~~].

(f-1)  On or after the fifth anniversary of the date a remedial plan is issued under this section, the board may remove from the board's public Internet website any public information regarding the dentist or dental hygienist with respect to the plan and the complaint resolved by the plan, unless:

(1)  the complaint was related to the delivery of health care; or

(2)  more than one remedial plan has been issued to resolve complaints alleging the same violation by the dentist or dental hygienist, including a complaint not related to the delivery of health care.

SECTION 2.  Section 263.0077, Occupations Code, as amended by this Act, applies to a remedial plan issued by the State Board of Dental Examiners on or after the effective date of this Act. A remedial plan issued before that date is governed by the law in effect on the date the plan was issued, and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose.

SECTION 3.  This Act takes effect September 1, 2021.