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H.B. No. 2409

## A BILL TO BE ENTITLED 1 AN ACT 2 relating to the waiver of requirements for removing a person's 3 license from inactive status during a state of disaster. BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS: 4 5 SECTION 1. Section 301.261, Occupations Code, is amended by adding Subsection (d-1) to read as follows: 6 7 (d-1) Notwithstanding Subsection (d) and as necessary to mitigate a nursing workforce shortage caused by a state of 8 9 disaster, the board shall waive a requirement that a person pay a reactivation fee or complete any required continuing education to 10 11 remove the person's license from inactive status if the license has 12 been on inactive status for less than four years. SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives 13 14 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this 15 16 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2021. 17

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