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S.B. No. 779

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;

- 1 (iv) a land surveyor;  
2 (v) a physician, including a surgeon;  
3 (vi) an optometrist;  
4 (vii) a professional engineer;  
5 (viii) a state certified or state licensed  
6 real estate appraiser; ~~or~~  
7 (ix) a registered nurse; or  
8 (x) a forensic analyst or forensic science  
9 expert; or

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

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