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S.B. No. 1534

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT  
2 relating to remedial plans issued by the State Board of Dental  
3 Examiners to address complaints against dentists and dental  
4 hygienists.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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