S.B. No. 681

AN ACT

relating to the applicability of certain laws regarding the occupational licensing of individuals with criminal convictions to the licensing of certain long-term health care facility personnel.

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

SECTION 1.  Subchapter I, Chapter 242, Health and Safety Code, as added by Section 1.01, Chapter 1280 (S.B. 84), Acts of the 75th Legislature, Regular Session, 1997, is amended by adding Section 242.3061 to read as follows:

Sec. 242.3061.  APPLICABILITY OF OTHER LAW. Chapter 53, Occupations Code, does not apply to the issuance or renewal of a license under this subchapter.

SECTION 2.  Subchapter I, Chapter 242, Health and Safety Code, as added by Section 2.01, Chapter 1280 (S.B. 84), Acts of the 75th Legislature, Regular Session, 1997, is amended by adding Section 242.3115 to read as follows:

Sec. 242.3115.  APPLICABILITY OF OTHER LAW. Chapter 53, Occupations Code, does not apply to the issuance or renewal of a license under this subchapter.

SECTION 3.  Subchapter N, Chapter 242, Health and Safety Code, is amended by adding Section 242.6111 to read as follows:

Sec. 242.6111.  APPLICABILITY OF OTHER LAW. Chapter 53, Occupations Code, does not apply to the issuance or renewal of a permit to administer medication under this subchapter.

SECTION 4.  Section 250.0035, Health and Safety Code, is amended by adding Subsection (c-1) to read as follows:

(c-1)  Chapter 53, Occupations Code, does not apply to the issuance or renewal of a nurse aide's certificate of registration or an applicant's inclusion in the nurse aide registry under this section.

SECTION 5.  The changes in law made by this Act to Chapters 242 and 250, Health and Safety Code, apply only to a license, permit, or certificate of registration issued or renewed on or after the effective date of this Act. A license, permit, or certificate of registration issued or renewed before the effective date of this Act is governed by the law in effect when the license, permit, or certificate was issued or renewed, and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose.

SECTION 6.  This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.

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I hereby certify that S.B. No. 681 passed the Senate on April 13, 2023, by the following vote:  Yeas 30, Nays 0.

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I hereby certify that S.B. No. 681 passed the House on May 24, 2023, by the following vote:  Yeas 135, Nays 3, one present not voting.

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Approved:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_             Date\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_           Governor