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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the issuance of digital licenses by a licensing agency.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter D, Chapter 59, Occupations Code, is amended by adding Section 59.002 to read as follows:

Sec. 59.002. A DIGITAL LICENSE. (a) A licensing agency may issue a digital license, certificate of registration or other legal authorization. If a licensing agency provides a digital license, the rules must provide that:

(1) the digital license be in a secure format and readily accessible by the license holder through an Internet website and on a wireless communication device;

(2) the public be able to view a license holder 's digital license through an Internet website or a Quick Response code; and

(3) if the department contracts with a vendor for the issuance of a digital license, the digital license be in a format in which the vendor and the department can verify the validity of the license.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.