

1-1 By: Guillen (Senate Sponsor - Parker) H.B. No. 2453
 1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House April 26, 2023;
 1-3 April 27, 2023, read first time and referred to Committee on
 1-4 Business & Commerce; May 12, 2023, reported favorably by the
 1-5 following vote: Yeas 9, Nays 2; May 12, 2023, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-19 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-20 AN ACT

1-21 relating to the issuance of a digital occupational license by a
 1-22 state agency, county, or municipality.

1-23 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-24 SECTION 1. Title 2, Occupations Code, is amended by adding
 1-25 Chapter 60 to read as follows:

1-26 CHAPTER 60. DIGITAL LICENSES

1-27 Sec. 60.001. DEFINITIONS. In this chapter:

1-28 (1) "Licensing authority" means a state agency,
 1-29 county, or municipality that is authorized to issue an occupational
 1-30 license.

1-31 (2) "Occupational license" means a license,
 1-32 certificate, registration, permit, or other form of authorization
 1-33 required by statute, ordinance, order, or rule that must be
 1-34 obtained by an individual to engage in a particular business,
 1-35 occupation, or profession.

1-36 Sec. 60.002. REQUIREMENTS FOR DIGITAL LICENSES. A
 1-37 licensing authority that issues an occupational license may issue a
 1-38 digital license to a license holder. If the licensing authority
 1-39 issues a digital license, the digital license must comply with the
 1-40 following requirements:

1-41 (1) the digital license must be in a secure format and
 1-42 readily accessible by the license holder through an Internet
 1-43 website and on a wireless communication device;

1-44 (2) the public must be able to view a license holder's
 1-45 digital license through an Internet website or by using a QR code as
 1-46 defined by Section 443.001, Health and Safety Code; and

1-47 (3) if the authority contracts with a vendor for the
 1-48 issuance of a digital license, the digital license must be in a
 1-49 format in which the vendor and authority can verify the validity of
 1-50 the license.

1-51 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.

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