

1-1 By: Phelan (Senate Sponsor - Middleton) H.B. No. 11
 1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House April 24, 2025;
 1-3 May 5, 2025, read first time and referred to Committee on Business
 1-4 & Commerce; May 13, 2025, reported favorably by the following vote:
 1-5 Yeas 11, Nays 0; May 13, 2025, 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 licensing reciprocity agreements entered into by the
 1-22 Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation.

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

1-24 SECTION 1. Chapter 51, Occupations Code, is amended by
 1-25 adding Subchapter K to read as follows:

1-26 SUBCHAPTER K. LICENSING RECIPROCITY AGREEMENTS

1-27 Sec. 51.551. GOALS FOR LICENSING RECIPROCITY AGREEMENTS.

1-28 (a) The department shall maximize licensing reciprocity
 1-29 agreements, with respect to licenses issued by the department, to
 1-30 the extent allowed by law.

1-31 (b) The department shall identify state laws that prevent
 1-32 the department from entering into a reciprocity agreement with a
 1-33 licensing authority in another state.

1-34 Sec. 51.552. RULES. The commission shall adopt rules
 1-35 necessary to implement this subchapter. The rules must establish
 1-36 procedures for:

1-37 (1) the department to determine whether the licensing
 1-38 requirements of another state are substantially equivalent to the
 1-39 requirements of this state, taking into consideration:

1-40 (A) the level of required training and testing to
 1-41 obtain a license, including methods used to evaluate work
 1-42 experience to fulfill training or testing requirements;

1-43 (B) the scope of practice for which the license
 1-44 is issued; and

1-45 (C) the procedures used in the other state to
 1-46 resolve complaints and to determine whether a license holder is in
 1-47 good standing; and

1-48 (2) the department to enter into and implement
 1-49 reciprocity agreements with licensing authorities in other states
 1-50 that have licensing requirements substantially equivalent to this
 1-51 state's requirements.

1-52 Sec. 51.553. REPORT. Not later than December 1 of each
 1-53 odd-numbered year, the department shall submit to the governor and
 1-54 the Legislative Budget Board a written report that:

1-55 (1) summarizes the department's efforts under Section
 1-56 51.551, including a description of the extent to which this state's
 1-57 licensing requirements exceed the requirements of other states;

1-58 (2) describes the department's efforts to enter into
 1-59 reciprocity agreements with licensing authorities in other states,
 1-60 including a list of:

1-61 (A) each reciprocity agreement entered into; and

2-1 (B) any unsuccessful effort to enter into a
2-2 reciprocity agreement with a licensing authority of another state;
2-3 and

2-4 (3) recommends any legislative action that is
2-5 necessary or appropriate to increase the number of license
2-6 reciprocity agreements as directed by this subchapter, including
2-7 any reduction of this state's licensing requirements that would
2-8 make more reciprocity agreements possible.

2-9 SECTION 2. Not later than January 1, 2026, the Texas
2-10 Commission of Licensing and Regulation shall adopt the rules
2-11 required by Section 51.552, Occupations Code, as added by this Act.

2-12 SECTION 3. Notwithstanding Section 51.553, Occupations
2-13 Code, as added by this Act, the Texas Department of Licensing and
2-14 Regulation shall submit the initial report required by that section
2-15 not later than December 1, 2027.

2-16 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
2-17 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
2-18 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
2-19 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
2-20 Act takes effect September 1, 2025.

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