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H.B. No. 3673

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the issuance of a provisional occupational license to certain applicants with criminal convictions.

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

SECTION 1. Sections 53.0211(b) and (c), Occupations Code, are amended to read as follows:

(b) Notwithstanding any law other than Subsection (a) and unless the applicant has been convicted of an offense described by Section 53.021(a), a licensing authority shall issue to an otherwise qualified applicant who has been convicted of an offense:

(1) the license for which the applicant applied; or

(2) a provisional license valid for a term of six months ~~[described by Subsection (c)]~~.

(c) The term of a provisional license issued to an applicant who is an inmate imprisoned in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice begins on the date the applicant is released ~~[A licensing authority may issue a provisional license for a term of six months to an applicant who has been convicted of an offense]~~.

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