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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to the waiver of license renewal fees for certain
3 instructors in high-demand fields at public institutions of higher
4 education.

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

6 SECTION 1. Chapter 57, Occupations Code, is amended by
7 adding Subchapter D to read as follows:

**SUBCHAPTER D. WAIVER OF LICENSE RENEWAL FEES FOR CERTAIN
INSTRUCTORS IN HIGH-DEMAND FIELDS**

10 Sec. 57.151. WAIVER OF LICENSE RENEWAL FEES. (a) In this
11 section, "institution of higher education" has the meaning assigned
12 by Section 61.003, Education Code.

13 (b) This section applies only to a license to practice as:

16 (2) a pharmacist under Chapter 558;

19 (4) a respiratory care practitioner under Chapter 604;

20 (5) an engineer under Chapter 1001;

21 (6) a journeyman plumber or master plumber under
22 Chapter 1301;

23 (7) an air conditioning and refrigeration contractor

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1 (8) a journeyman electrician or master electrician
2 under Chapter 1305;

3 (9) an educator under Subchapter B, Chapter 21,
4 Education Code; or

5 (10) a bilingual education or special language program
6 teacher under Section 29.061, Education Code.

7 (c) A state agency that issues a license to which this
8 section applies by rule shall waive the license renewal fee for a
9 faculty member as defined by Section 51.101, Education Code, or
10 adjunct professor at an institution of higher education who
11 provides instruction in the field for which the license is
12 required.

13 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.