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S.B. No. 918

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT  
2 relating to the licensing and regulation of orthotists and  
3 prosthetists.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 605.254, Occupations Code, is amended to  
6 read as follows:

7 Sec. 605.254. EXEMPTIONS FROM OR SUBSTITUTES FOR LICENSE  
8 REQUIREMENTS. (a) The commission by rule may exempt a [A] person  
9 [is entitled to an exemption] from one or more of the academic,  
10 clinical training, or examination [the license] requirements  
11 established under Section 605.252.

12 (b) To be eligible for an exemption under Subsection (a),  
13 [if] the person must present [presents] evidence satisfactory to  
14 the department that the person possesses unique qualifications to  
15 practice orthotics, prosthetics, or orthotics and prosthetics.

16 (c) The department shall issue a license under Section  
17 605.256(b) to a person who:

18 (1) is determined to be eligible for an exemption [a  
19 license] under this section from a requirement established under  
20 Section 605.252; and

21 (2) meets all requirements provided under this  
22 chapter, other than any requirement for which an exemption is  
23 granted under Subdivision (1) [Subsection (a)].

24 (d) A person holding a license for which an exemption was

1 granted under this section [~~to whom a license is issued under this~~  
2 ~~subsection~~] is entitled to the same license privileges as if the  
3 person met all [~~the educational and vocational~~] requirements of  
4 Section 605.252. The license holder is subject to the license  
5 renewal requirements established by the commission, other than the  
6 [~~academic, clinical training, and examination~~] requirements  
7 exempted under this section, which the commission may not impose as  
8 a condition of the person's license renewal.

9 SECTION 2. Section 605.254, Occupations Code, as amended by  
10 this Act, applies only to a license application submitted on or  
11 after the effective date of this Act. An application for a license  
12 submitted before the effective date of this Act is governed by the  
13 law in effect on the date the application was submitted, and the  
14 former law is continued in effect for that purpose.

15 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.