

AN ACT

relating to the licensing and regulation of the practice of podiatry.

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

SECTION 1. Section 202.259, Occupations Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 202.259. RESIDENCY [~~TEMPORARY~~] LICENSE. (a) The commission by rule may adopt a procedure for the issuance of a residency [~~temporary~~] license to an applicant [~~other than an applicant for a provisional license under Section 202.260~~].

(b) Rules adopted under this section must establish:

(1) the criteria for issuance of a residency [~~temporary~~] license; and

(2) a maximum period during which a residency [~~temporary~~] license is valid.

SECTION 2. The following provisions of the Occupations Code are repealed:

(1) Section 202.061; and

(2) Section 202.260.

SECTION 3. The change in law made by this Act to Section 202.259, Occupations Code, does not affect the validity of a license issued under that section before the effective date of this Act. A license issued under that section before the effective date of this Act that is in effect on that date expires according to the

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1 term provided on the date of issuance, and the former law is
2 continued in effect for that purpose.

3 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 968 passed the Senate on April 24, 2025, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Secretary of the Senate

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 968 passed the House on May 28, 2025, by the following vote: Yeas 115, Nays 26, two present not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

Approved:

Date

Governor