

AN ACT

relating to the revocation of an occupational license from certain license holders and the issuance of an occupational license to certain applicants with criminal convictions.

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

SECTION 1. Section 51.4014, Occupations Code, is amended by amending Subsection (a) and adding Subsection (a-1) to read as follows:

(a) Notwithstanding any other law and subject to Subsection (a-1), the department may accept an application from an applicant who is an inmate imprisoned in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice except that the department may not issue the license until the applicant has been released.

(a-1) The department may issue a license to an applicant who is an inmate imprisoned in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice and who is enrolled in or has completed an educational program described by Section 53.0211(b-1)(2) before the applicant has been released.

SECTION 2. Section 53.021, Occupations Code, is amended by adding Subsection (a-2) and amending Subsection (b) to read as follows:

(a-2) A licensing authority may revoke a license holder's license on the grounds of the license holder's imprisonment following a felony conviction.

(b) A license holder's license shall be revoked on the license holder's imprisonment following a:

(1) felony conviction for:

(A) an offense that directly relates to the duties and responsibilities of the licensed occupation;

(B) an offense listed in Article 42A.054, Code of Criminal Procedure; or

(C) a sexually violent offense, as defined by Article 62.001, Code of Criminal Procedure;

(2) [~~r~~] felony community supervision revocation;

(3) [~~r~~] revocation of parole; [~~r~~] or

(4) revocation of mandatory supervision.

SECTION 3. Section 53.0211, Occupations Code, is amended by amending Subsections (b) and (c) and adding Subsections (b-1) and (h) 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 under Subsection (b-1) valid for a term of 12 months [~~described by Subsection (c)~~].

(b-1) A licensing authority may issue a provisional license to an applicant who has been convicted of an offense, including an applicant who:

(1) is:

(A) an inmate imprisoned in the Texas Department

1 of Criminal Justice; or

2 (B) a person released on parole or mandatory
3 supervision and residing at a place described by Section 508.118 or
4 508.119, Government Code; and

5 (2) is enrolled in or has completed an educational
6 program offered by:

7 (A) the Windham School District; or

8 (B) an institution of higher education, as
9 defined by Section 61.003, Education Code.

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

15 (h) On request of a licensing authority, the Texas
16 Department of Criminal Justice shall provide to the licensing
17 authority information regarding an applicant who is an inmate
18 imprisoned in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice for purposes
19 of determining the inmate's eligibility for a license.

20 SECTION 4. Section 508.313(c), Government Code, is amended
21 to read as follows:

22 (c) The department, on request or in the normal course of
23 official business, shall provide information that is confidential
24 and privileged under Subsection (a) to:

25 (1) the governor;

26 (2) a member of the board or a parole commissioner;

27 (3) the Criminal Justice Policy Council in performing

1 duties of the council under Section 413.017; ~~or~~]

2 (4) a licensing authority requesting information
3 concerning an inmate or releasee who has submitted an application
4 for an occupational license to the licensing authority; or

5 (5) an eligible entity requesting information for a
6 law enforcement, prosecutorial, correctional, clemency, or
7 treatment purpose.

8 SECTION 5. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
9 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
10 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
11 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
12 Act takes effect September 1, 2025.

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 1080 passed the Senate on April 16, 2025, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0; and that the Senate concurred in House amendment on May 12, 2025, by the following vote: Yeas 30, Nays 0.

Secretary of the Senate

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 1080 passed the House, with amendment, on May 8, 2025, by the following vote: Yeas 147, Nays 0, two present not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

Approved:

Date

Governor