By: West S.B. No. 216

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the exclusion of a social worker license from the automatic revocation or denial of health care professional licenses for certain criminal offenses.

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

SECTION 1. Section 108.051(1), Occupations Code, is amended to read as follows:

(1) "Health care professional" means:

(A) a dentist licensed under Subtitle D;

(B) a dental hygienist licensed under Chapter 262;

(C) a hearing instrument fitter and dispenser licensed under Chapter 402;

(D) a nurse, including an advanced practice registered nurse, licensed under Chapter 301;

(E) an occupational therapist licensed under Chapter 454;

(F) an optometrist or therapeutic optometrist licensed under Chapter 351;

(G) a pharmacist licensed under Subtitle J;

(H) a physical therapist licensed under Chapter 453;

(I) a physician licensed under Subtitle B;

(J) a physician assistant licensed under Chapter

204;

(K) a podiatrist licensed under Chapter 202;

(L) a psychologist licensed under Chapter 501; and

(M) [~~a social worker licensed under Chapter 505;~~ ~~and~~

[~~(N)~~] a speech-language pathologist or audiologist licensed under Chapter 401.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2027.