

1-1 By: Zaffirini S.B. No. 918
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 1-4 March 19, 2025, reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 10,
 1-5 Nays 0; March 19, 2025, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-19 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-20 AN ACT

1-21 relating to the licensing and regulation of orthotists and
 1-22 prosthetists.

1-23 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-24 SECTION 1. Section 605.254, Occupations Code, is amended to
 1-25 read as follows:

1-26 Sec. 605.254. EXEMPTIONS FROM OR SUBSTITUTES FOR LICENSE
 1-27 REQUIREMENTS. (a) The commission by rule may exempt a [A] person
 1-28 [is entitled to an exemption] from one or more of the academic,
 1-29 clinical training, or examination [the license] requirements
 1-30 established under Section 605.252.

1-31 (b) To be eligible for an exemption under Subsection (a),
 1-32 [if] the person must present [presents] evidence satisfactory to
 1-33 the department that the person possesses unique qualifications to
 1-34 practice orthotics, prosthetics, or orthotics and prosthetics.

1-35 (c) The department shall issue a license under Section
 1-36 605.256(b) to a person who:

1-37 (1) is determined to be eligible for an exemption [a
 1-38 license] under this section from a requirement established under
 1-39 Section 605.252; and

1-40 (2) meets all requirements provided under this
 1-41 chapter, other than any requirement for which an exemption is
 1-42 granted under Subdivision (1) [Subsection (a)].

1-43 (d) A person holding a license for which an exemption was
 1-44 granted under this section [to whom a license is issued under this
 1-45 subsection] is entitled to the same license privileges as if the
 1-46 person met all [the educational and vocational] requirements of
 1-47 Section 605.252. The license holder is subject to the license
 1-48 renewal requirements established by the commission, other than the
 1-49 [academic, clinical training, and examination] requirements
 1-50 exempted under this section, which the commission may not impose as
 1-51 a condition of the person's license renewal.

1-52 SECTION 2. Section 605.254, Occupations Code, as amended by
 1-53 this Act, applies only to a license application submitted on or
 1-54 after the effective date of this Act. An application for a license
 1-55 submitted before the effective date of this Act is governed by the
 1-56 law in effect on the date the application was submitted, and the
 1-57 former law is continued in effect for that purpose.

1-58 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.

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