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S.B. No. 1080
            West, et al.
      (In the Senate - Filed February 4, 2025; February 24, 2025, read first time and referred to Committee on Criminal Justice; April 3, 2025, reported adversely, with favorable Committee
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       Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 7, Nays 0; April 3, 2025,
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      sent to printer.)
                                     COMMITTEE VOTE
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      COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.B. No. 1080
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                                 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
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                                         AN ACT
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      relating to the revocation of an occupational license from certain
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       license holders and the issuance of a provisional occupational
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       license to certain applicants with criminal convictions.
             BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:
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              SECTION 1. Section 53.021(b), Occupations Code, is amended
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       to read as follows:
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              (b)
                  A license holder's license shall be revoked on the
       license holder's imprisonment following a:
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                          felony conviction for:
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                          (A) an offense that
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                                                     directly relates to
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      duties and responsibilities of the licensed occupation;
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                          (B)
                               an offense listed in Article 42A.054,
                                                                          Code of
      Criminal Procedure; or
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                                  sexually violent offense, as defined by
                         Code of Criminal Procedure;
      Article 62.001
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                    (2)
                          [7] felony community supervision revocation;
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                          [\tau] revocation of parole; [\tau] or
              (4) revocation of mandatory supervision. SECTION 2. Section 53.0211, Occupations Code, is amended by
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      amending Subsections (b) and (c) and adding Subsections (b-1) and
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       (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
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      Section 53.021(a), a licensing authority shall issue to an
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       otherwise qualified applicant who has been convicted of an offense:
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                         the license for which the applicant applied; or
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                          a provisional license under Subsection (b-1) valid
                    (2)
      for a term of 12 months [described by Subsection (c)].

(b-1) A licensing authority may issue a provisional license
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       to an applicant who:
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                    (1)
                         is:
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                               an inmate imprisoned in the Texas Department
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      of Criminal Justice;
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                          (B)
                                   person released on parole
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       supervision and residing at a place described by Section 508.118 or
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       508.119, Government Code; and
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                    (2)
                         is enrolled in or has completed an educational
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       program offered by:
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                          (A)
                                the Windham School District; or
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                          (B) an institution of
                                                        higher education,
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       defined by Section 61.003, Education Code.
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(c)

By:

The term of a provisional license issued to an applicant

who is an inmate imprisoned in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice begins on the date the applicant is released [A licensing authority may issue a provisional license for a term of six months to an applicant who has been convicted of an offense].

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

SECTION 3. Section 508.313(c), Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

- (c) The department, on request or in the normal course of official business, shall provide information that is confidential and privileged under Subsection (a) to:
 - the governor; (1)
 - (2) a member of the board or a parole commissioner;
- (3) the Criminal Justice Policy Council in performing duties of the council under Section 413.017; [or]
- (4) a licensing authority requesting information concerning an inmate or releasee who has submitted an application for an occupational license to the licensing authority; or
- (5) an eligible entity requesting information for a enforcement, prosecutorial, correctional, clemency, or treatment purpose.

SECTION 4. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this 2-29 Act takes effect September 1, 2025.

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