

AN ACT

relating to health and nutrition standards to promote healthy living, including requirements for food labeling, primary and secondary education, higher education, and continuing education for certain health care professionals; authorizing a civil penalty.

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

SECTION 1. Section 28.002, Education Code, is amended by amending Subsections (1) and (1-1) and adding Subsections (1-4) and (u) to read as follows:

(1) A school district or open-enrollment charter school shall require a student enrolled in full-day prekindergarten, in kindergarten, or in a grade level below grade six to participate in moderate or vigorous daily physical activity for at least 30 minutes throughout the school year as part of the district's or school's physical education curriculum or through structured activity during a school campus's daily recess. To the extent practicable, a school district or open-enrollment charter school shall require a student enrolled in prekindergarten on less than a full-day basis to participate in the same type and amount of physical activity as a student enrolled in full-day prekindergarten. A school district or open-enrollment charter school shall require students enrolled in grade levels six, seven, and eight to participate in moderate or vigorous daily physical activity for at least 30 minutes for at least four semesters during

1 those grade levels as part of the district's or school's physical
2 education curriculum. If a school district or open-enrollment
3 charter school determines, for any particular grade level below
4 grade six, that requiring moderate or vigorous daily physical
5 activity is impractical due to scheduling concerns or other
6 factors, the district or school may as an alternative require a
7 student in that grade level to participate in moderate or vigorous
8 physical activity for at least 135 minutes during each school week.
9 Additionally, a school district or open-enrollment charter school
10 may as an alternative require a student enrolled in a grade level
11 for which the district or school uses block scheduling to
12 participate in moderate or vigorous physical activity for at least
13 225 minutes during each period of two school weeks. A school
14 district or open-enrollment charter school must provide for an
15 exemption for:

16 (1) any student who is unable to participate in the
17 required physical activity because of illness or disability; and

18 (2) a middle school or junior high school student who
19 participates in an extracurricular activity with a moderate or
20 vigorous physical activity component that is considered a
21 structured activity under rules adopted by the commissioner.

22 (1-1) In adopting rules relating to an activity described by
23 Subsection (1)(2), the commissioner shall [~~may~~] permit an exemption
24 for a student who participates in a school-related activity or an
25 activity sponsored by a private league or club [~~only~~] if the student
26 provides proof of participation in the activity.

27 (1-4) In providing a physical education curriculum under

1 Subsection (1), a school employee may not restrict participation
2 in:

3 (1) recess or other physical activity offered as part
4 of the district's or school's physical education curriculum for a
5 student enrolled in kindergarten or in a grade level below grade six
6 as a penalty for the student's academic performance or behavior; or

7 (2) physical activity offered as part of the
8 district's or school's physical education curriculum for a student
9 enrolled in grade level six, seven, or eight as a penalty for the
10 student's academic performance or behavior.

11 (u) In adopting the essential knowledge and skills for the
12 health curriculum under Subsection (a)(2)(B) for a grade level from
13 kindergarten through grade eight, the State Board of Education
14 shall adopt essential knowledge and skills that include nutrition
15 instruction based on nutritional guidelines recommended by the
16 Texas Nutrition Advisory Committee established under Chapter 119B,
17 Health and Safety Code.

18 SECTION 2. Subchapter A, Chapter 28, Education Code, is
19 amended by adding Section 28.0115 to read as follows:

20 Sec. 28.0115. ELECTIVE COURSE ON NUTRITION AND WELLNESS.
21 Each school district and open-enrollment charter school offering a
22 high school program shall provide an elective course in nutrition
23 and wellness that meets the requirements for a one-half elective
24 credit under Section 28.025, using materials the State Board of
25 Education approves. The nutrition instruction:

26 (1) must include curriculum requirements based on
27 nutritional guidelines recommended by the Texas Nutrition Advisory

1 Committee established under Chapter 119B, Health and Safety Code;
2 and

3 (2) may incorporate other relevant material,
4 including culinary skills, horticulture, and consumer economics.

5 SECTION 3. Subchapter F, Chapter 51, Education Code, is
6 amended by adding Section 51.3025 to read as follows:

7 Sec. 51.3025. NUTRITION EDUCATION COURSEWORK. (a) In this
8 section, "institution of higher education" has the meaning assigned
9 by Section 61.003.

10 (b) The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board by rule
11 shall require institutions of higher education to provide the
12 opportunity for students enrolled in an associate or baccalaureate
13 degree program at the institution to complete a course of
14 instruction in nutrition education. The course must include
15 curriculum requirements based on nutritional guidelines
16 recommended by the Texas Nutrition Advisory Committee established
17 under Chapter 119B, Health and Safety Code.

18 SECTION 4. Subchapter A, Chapter 63, Education Code, is
19 amended by adding Section 63.0025 to read as follows:

20 Sec. 63.0025. REQUIRED NUTRITION CURRICULUM. A
21 health-related institution of higher education listed in Section
22 63.002(c) is eligible for distribution of money under this
23 subchapter only if the institution:

24 (1) develops nutrition curriculum requirements based
25 on nutritional guidelines recommended by the Texas Nutrition
26 Advisory Committee established under Chapter 119B, Health and
27 Safety Code; and

1 (2) requires all medical students or students in other
2 majors related to health care service provision who are enrolled at
3 the institution to successfully complete the curriculum
4 requirements developed under Subdivision (1).

5 SECTION 5. Subchapter B, Chapter 63, Education Code, is
6 amended by adding Section 63.103 to read as follows:

7 Sec. 63.103. REQUIRED NUTRITION CURRICULUM. A
8 health-related institution of higher education listed in Section
9 63.101(a) is eligible for distribution of money from a fund
10 established under this subchapter only if the institution:

11 (1) develops nutrition curriculum requirements based
12 on nutritional guidelines recommended by the Texas Nutrition
13 Advisory Committee established under Chapter 119B, Health and
14 Safety Code; and

15 (2) requires all medical students or students in other
16 majors related to health care service provision who are enrolled at
17 the institution to successfully complete the curriculum
18 requirements developed under Subdivision (1).

19 SECTION 6. Subchapter C, Chapter 63, Education Code, is
20 amended by adding Section 63.2025 to read as follows:

21 Sec. 63.2025. REQUIRED NUTRITION CURRICULUM. A
22 health-related institution providing graduate medical education is
23 eligible for a grant award under this subchapter only if the
24 institution:

25 (1) develops nutrition curriculum requirements based
26 on nutritional guidelines recommended by the Texas Nutrition
27 Advisory Committee established under Chapter 119B, Health and

1 Safety Code; and

2 (2) requires all students in nursing, allied health,
3 or other majors related to health care service provision who are
4 enrolled at the institution to successfully complete the curriculum
5 requirements developed under Subdivision (1).

6 SECTION 7. Subchapter D, Chapter 63, Education Code, is
7 amended by adding Section 63.303 to read as follows:

8 Sec. 63.303. REQUIRED NUTRITION CURRICULUM. A
9 health-related institution providing graduate medical education is
10 eligible for a grant award under this subchapter only if the
11 institution:

12 (1) develops nutrition curriculum requirements based
13 on nutritional guidelines recommended by the Texas Nutrition
14 Advisory Committee established under Chapter 119B, Health and
15 Safety Code; and

16 (2) requires all medical students or students in other
17 majors related to health care service provision who are enrolled at
18 the institution to successfully complete the curriculum
19 requirements developed under Subdivision (1).

20 SECTION 8. Subtitle E, Title 2, Health and Safety Code, is
21 amended by adding Chapter 119B to read as follows:

22 CHAPTER 119B. TEXAS NUTRITION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

23 Sec. 119B.001. DEFINITION. In this chapter, "advisory
24 committee" means the Texas Nutrition Advisory Committee.

25 Sec. 119B.002. ADVISORY COMMITTEE ESTABLISHED. The Texas
26 Nutrition Advisory Committee is established to develop nutritional
27 guidelines for residents of this state. The advisory committee is

1 administratively attached to the department.

2 Sec. 119B.003. MEMBERSHIP. (a) The advisory committee is
3 composed of seven members appointed by the governor, including at
4 least:

5 (1) one expert in metabolic health, culinary medicine,
6 lifestyle medicine, or integrative medicine;

7 (2) one licensed physician certified in functional
8 medicine;

9 (3) one member representing the Texas Department of
10 Agriculture;

11 (4) one member representing a rural community;

12 (5) one member representing an urban community; and

13 (6) one pediatrician specializing in metabolic
14 health.

15 (b) In appointing the advisory committee members, the
16 governor must:

17 (1) consider recommendations provided by:

18 (A) the chair of the senate committee on health
19 and human services;

20 (B) the chair of the house of representatives
21 committee on public health; and

22 (C) the chair of the house of representatives
23 committee on human services; and

24 (2) ensure not more than two members are affiliated
25 with an academic or health-related institution of higher education
26 if the appointment could reasonably create a conflict of interest
27 between the goals of the advisory committee and the goals of the

1 institution.

2 (c) An individual is ineligible for appointment to the
3 advisory committee if the individual:

4 (1) owns or controls an ownership interest in a food,
5 beverage, dietary supplement, or pharmaceutical manufacturing
6 company; or

7 (2) is related within the third degree of
8 consanguinity or affinity, as determined by Chapter 573, Government
9 Code, to an individual who owns or controls an ownership interest in
10 a food, beverage, dietary supplement, or pharmaceutical
11 manufacturing company.

12 (d) Before accepting an appointment under this section, an
13 individual must disclose all past or existing affiliations with a
14 food, beverage, dietary supplement, or pharmaceutical
15 manufacturing company or any other affiliation that could
16 reasonably create a conflict of interest with the goals of the
17 advisory committee. An advisory committee member who fails to
18 disclose an affiliation described by this subsection is subject to
19 removal by the governor.

20 (e) Advisory committee members serve staggered four-year
21 terms.

22 Sec. 119B.004. ADVISORY COMMITTEE DUTIES. The advisory
23 committee shall:

24 (1) examine the impact of nutrition on human health
25 and examine the connection between ultra-processed foods,
26 including foods containing artificial color and food additives, and
27 the prevalence of chronic diseases and other chronic health issues;

1 (2) provide an independent review of scientific
2 studies analyzing the effects of ultra-processed foods on human
3 health;

4 (3) provide education on the effects of
5 ultra-processed foods on human health; and

6 (4) develop and maintain dietary and nutritional
7 guidelines based on the consensus of available scientific studies
8 and information concerning diet and nutrition.

9 Sec. 119B.005. ANNUAL REPORT. Not later than September 1 of
10 each year, the advisory committee shall prepare and submit to the
11 department, the governor, the lieutenant governor, the speaker of
12 the house of representatives, and each standing committee of the
13 legislature with primary jurisdiction over health and safety a
14 written report that includes:

15 (1) a summary of the scientific studies;

16 (2) nutritional guidelines incorporating any new
17 scientific findings; and

18 (3) any other recommendations the advisory committee
19 considers appropriate based on new scientific studies.

20 Sec. 119B.006. DEPARTMENT NUTRITIONAL GUIDELINES WEB PAGE.

21 (a) The department shall post on a publicly available web page on
22 the department's Internet website the guidelines developed under
23 Section 119B.004 in a manner that is easily accessible and readily
24 understandable.

25 (b) The department shall annually update information posted
26 under this section based on the report submitted under Section
27 119B.005.

1 Sec. 119B.007. EXPIRATION. The advisory committee is
2 abolished and this chapter expires December 31, 2032.

3 Sec. 119B.008. RULES. The executive commissioner of the
4 Health and Human Services Commission may adopt rules as necessary
5 to implement this chapter.

6 SECTION 9. Subchapter D, Chapter 431, Health and Safety
7 Code, is amended by adding Sections 431.0815, 431.0816, and
8 431.0817 to read as follows:

9 Sec. 431.0815. FOOD CONTAINING ARTIFICIAL COLOR,
10 ADDITIVES, OR CERTAIN BANNED CHEMICALS. (a) A food manufacturer
11 shall ensure each food product the manufacturer offers for sale in
12 this state includes a warning label disclosing the use of any of the
13 following ingredients, if the United States Food and Drug
14 Administration requires the ingredient to be named on a food label
15 and the ingredient is used in a product intended for human
16 consumption:

17 (1) acetylated esters of mono- and diglycerides
18 (acetic acid ester);

19 (2) anisole;

20 (3) azodicarbonamide (ADA);

21 (4) butylated hydroxyanisole (BHA);

22 (5) butylated hydroxytoluene (BHT);

23 (6) bleached flour;

24 (7) blue 1 (CAS 3844-45-9);

25 (8) blue 2 (CAS 860-22-0);

26 (9) bromated flour;

27 (10) calcium bromate;

- 1 (11) canthaxanthin;
- 2 (12) certified food colors by the United States Food
- 3 and Drug Administration;
- 4 (13) citrus red 2 (CAS 6358-53-8);
- 5 (14) diacetyl;
- 6 (15) diacetyl tartaric and fatty acid esters of mono-
- 7 and diglycerides (DATEM);
- 8 (16) dimethylamylamine (DMAA);
- 9 (17) dioctyl sodium sulfosuccinate (DSS);
- 10 (18) ficin;
- 11 (19) green 3 (CAS 2353-45-9);
- 12 (20) interesterified palm oil;
- 13 (21) interesterified soybean oil;
- 14 (22) lactylated fatty acid esters of glycerol and
- 15 propylene glycol;
- 16 (23) lye;
- 17 (24) morpholine;
- 18 (25) olestra;
- 19 (26) partially hydrogenated oil (PHO);
- 20 (27) potassium aluminum sulfate;
- 21 (28) potassium bromate;
- 22 (29) potassium iodate;
- 23 (30) propylene oxide;
- 24 (31) propylparaben;
- 25 (32) red 3 (CAS 16423-68-0);
- 26 (33) red 4 (CAS 4548-53-2);
- 27 (34) red 40 (CAS 25956-17-6);

- 1 (35) sodium aluminum sulfate;
- 2 (36) sodium lauryl sulfate;
- 3 (37) sodium stearyl fumarate;
- 4 (38) stearyl tartrate;
- 5 (39) synthetic trans fatty acid;
- 6 (40) thiodipropionic acid;
- 7 (41) titanium dioxide;
- 8 (42) toluene;
- 9 (43) yellow 5 (CAS 1934-21-0); and
- 10 (44) yellow 6 (CAS 2783-94-0).

11 (b) The warning label must:

12 (1) include the following statement if the food
13 contains an ingredient listed in Subsection (a), printed in a font
14 size not smaller than the smallest font used to disclose other
15 consumer information required by the United States Food and Drug
16 Administration:

17 "WARNING: This product contains an ingredient that is
18 not recommended for human consumption by the appropriate authority
19 in Australia, Canada, the European Union, or the United Kingdom.";

20 (2) be placed in a prominent and reasonably visible
21 location; and

22 (3) have sufficiently high contrast with the immediate
23 background to ensure the warning is likely to be seen and understood
24 by the ordinary individual under customary conditions of purchase
25 and use.

26 (c) A food manufacturer or, to the extent a food
27 manufacturer provides the information required under this section

1 to a retailer, a retailer that offers a product described by
2 Subsection (a) for sale in this state on the manufacturer's or
3 retailer's Internet website shall disclose to the consumer all
4 labeling information required under Subsection (b) and department
5 rule by:

6 (1) posting a legible statement on the manufacturer's
7 or retailer's Internet website on which the product is offered for
8 sale; or

9 (2) otherwise communicating the information to the
10 consumer.

11 (d) This section does not apply to:

12 (1) an ingredient used in a product not intended for
13 human consumption;

14 (2) food labeled, prepared, served, or sold in a
15 restaurant;

16 (3) food labeled, prepared, or served in a retail
17 establishment;

18 (4) a product regulated by the United States
19 Department of Agriculture's Food Safety and Inspection Service;

20 (5) a product labeled with a governmental warning with
21 a recommendation from the surgeon general of the United States
22 Public Health Service;

23 (6) a drug or dietary supplement; or

24 (7) a pesticide chemical, soil or plant nutrient, or
25 other agricultural chemical used in the production, storage, or
26 transportation of a raw agricultural commodity.

27 (e) This section does not create a private cause of action

1 for a violation of this section.

2 (f) For the purposes of this section, "food manufacturer"
3 includes any manufacturer that offers a food product for sale in
4 this state, regardless of where the product was originally
5 produced.

6 Sec. 431.0816. ENFORCEMENT BY ATTORNEY GENERAL. (a) If the
7 attorney general believes a manufacturer has violated or is
8 violating Section 431.0815, the attorney general may bring an
9 action on behalf of this state to enjoin the manufacturer from
10 violating that section.

11 (b) In addition to seeking an injunction under Subsection
12 (a), the attorney general may request and the court may order any
13 other relief that may be in the public interest, including:

14 (1) the imposition of a civil penalty in an amount not
15 to exceed \$50,000 per day for each distinct food product in
16 violation of Section 431.0815; and

17 (2) an order requiring reimbursement to this state for
18 the reasonable value of investigating and bringing an enforcement
19 action for a violation of Section 431.0815.

20 Sec. 431.0817. FEDERAL PREEMPTION. On and after September
21 1, 2025, and the effective date of a federal law or regulation
22 issued by the United States Food and Drug Administration or the
23 United States Department of Agriculture, Section 431.0815 has no
24 effect if:

25 (1) for a specific ingredient, including a food
26 additive and color additive, listed under Section 431.0815(a), the
27 law or regulation:

1 (A) prohibits the use of the ingredient;

2 (B) imposes conditions on the use of the
3 ingredient, including a condition requiring a warning or disclosure
4 statement; or

5 (C) determines an ingredient or class of
6 ingredients is safe for human consumption; or

7 (2) the law or regulation requires a labeling
8 statement relating to ultra-processed or processed foods.

9 SECTION 10. Subchapter B, Chapter 156, Occupations Code, is
10 amended by adding Section 156.061 to read as follows:

11 Sec. 156.061. CONTINUING EDUCATION IN NUTRITION AND
12 METABOLIC HEALTH. (a) A physician licensed under this subtitle who
13 submits an application for renewal of a license to practice
14 medicine must complete, in accordance with this section and rules
15 adopted under this section, continuing medical education regarding
16 nutrition and metabolic health.

17 (b) The board shall adopt rules to implement this section.
18 The rules must prescribe:

19 (1) the number of hours of the continuing medical
20 education required by this section; and

21 (2) the content of the continuing medical education
22 required by this section based on the nutritional guidelines
23 recommended by the Texas Nutrition Advisory Committee under Chapter
24 119B, Health and Safety Code.

25 SECTION 11. Subchapter D, Chapter 204, Occupations Code, is
26 amended by adding Section 204.1563 to read as follows:

27 Sec. 204.1563. CONTINUING MEDICAL EDUCATION IN NUTRITION

1 AND METABOLIC HEALTH. (a) As part of continuing medical education
2 requirements under Section 204.1562, a license holder shall
3 complete, in accordance with this section and rules adopted under
4 this section, continuing medical education regarding nutrition and
5 metabolic health.

6 (b) The medical board, on recommendations of the physician
7 assistant board, shall adopt rules to implement this section. The
8 rules must prescribe:

9 (1) the number of hours of the continuing medical
10 education required by this section; and

11 (2) the content of the continuing medical education
12 required by this section based on the nutritional guidelines
13 recommended by the Texas Nutrition Advisory Committee under Chapter
14 119B, Health and Safety Code.

15 SECTION 12. Subchapter G, Chapter 301, Occupations Code, is
16 amended by adding Section 301.309 to read as follows:

17 Sec. 301.309. CONTINUING EDUCATION IN NUTRITION AND
18 METABOLIC HEALTH. (a) As part of continuing education
19 requirements under Section 301.303, a license holder shall
20 complete, in accordance with this section and rules adopted under
21 this section, continuing education regarding nutrition and
22 metabolic health.

23 (b) The board shall adopt rules to implement this section.
24 The rules must prescribe:

25 (1) the number of hours of the continuing education
26 required by this section; and

27 (2) the content of the continuing education required

1 by this section based on the nutritional guidelines recommended by
2 the Texas Nutrition Advisory Committee under Chapter 119B, Health
3 and Safety Code.

4 SECTION 13. Subchapter G, Chapter 701, Occupations Code, is
5 amended by adding Sections 701.302 and 701.303 to read as follows:

6 Sec. 701.302. CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS. The
7 commission by rule shall adopt and the department shall monitor and
8 enforce a program for the continuing education of license holders
9 as a condition for license renewal. The rules must:

10 (1) require a license holder to complete not more than
11 12 hours of continuing education as a prerequisite to renewal of the
12 license under this chapter; and

13 (2) prescribe a process to assess a license holder's
14 participation in continuing education courses.

15 Sec. 701.303. CONTINUING EDUCATION IN NUTRITION AND
16 METABOLIC HEALTH. (a) As part of the continuing education
17 requirements under Section 701.302, a license holder shall
18 complete, in accordance with this section and rules adopted under
19 this section, continuing education regarding nutrition and
20 metabolic health.

21 (b) The commission shall adopt rules to implement this
22 section. The rules must prescribe:

23 (1) the number of hours of the continuing education
24 required by this section; and

25 (2) the content of the continuing education required
26 by this section based on the nutritional guidelines recommended by
27 the Texas Nutrition Advisory Committee under Chapter 119B, Health

1 and Safety Code.

2 SECTION 14. Section 701.304, Occupations Code, is amended
3 to read as follows:

4 Sec. 701.304. GROUNDS FOR REFUSING RENEWAL. The
5 commission or department may refuse to renew the license of a person
6 who fails to:

7 (1) pay an administrative penalty imposed under
8 Subchapter K, unless enforcement of the penalty is stayed or a court
9 has ordered that the administrative penalty is not owed; or

10 (2) complete the continuing education requirements
11 under Section 701.302.

12 SECTION 15. Sections 28.002(u) and 28.0115, Education Code,
13 as added by this Act, apply beginning with the 2027-2028 school
14 year.

15 SECTION 16. Section 51.3025, Education Code, as added by
16 this Act, applies beginning with entering students enrolling in an
17 associate or baccalaureate degree program at a public institution
18 of higher education on or after July 1, 2027.

19 SECTION 17. (a) Not later than July 1, 2027, a
20 health-related institution of higher education shall develop and
21 implement curriculum required by Sections 63.0025, 63.103,
22 63.2025, and 63.303, Education Code, as added by this Act, to remain
23 eligible for funding under those sections.

24 (b) A health-related institution of higher education is not
25 required to comply with Sections 63.0025, 63.103, 63.2025, and
26 63.303, Education Code, as added by this Act, until July 1, 2027.

27 SECTION 18. (a) Not later than December 31, 2025, the

1 governor shall appoint the members of the Texas Nutrition Advisory
2 Committee established under Chapter 119B, Health and Safety Code,
3 as added by this Act, and shall provide for staggered member terms
4 as required by that chapter.

5 (b) Not later than September 1, 2026, the Texas Nutrition
6 Advisory Committee shall prepare and submit to the Department of
7 State Health Services, the governor, the lieutenant governor, the
8 speaker of the house of representatives, and each standing
9 committee of the legislature with primary jurisdiction over health
10 and safety the initial report required under Section 119B.005,
11 Health and Safety Code, as added by this Act.

12 (c) As soon as practicable after the submission of the
13 report under Subsection (b) of this section, the Department of
14 State Health Services shall post information required under Section
15 119B.006, Health and Safety Code, as added by this Act, on the
16 department's Internet website.

17 SECTION 19. (a) Not later than December 31, 2025, the
18 executive commissioner of the Health and Human Services Commission
19 shall adopt rules to implement changes made by Section 431.0815,
20 Health and Safety Code, as added by this Act.

21 (b) Section 431.0815, Health and Safety Code, as added by
22 this Act, applies only to a food product label developed or
23 copyrighted on or after January 1, 2027.

24 SECTION 20. (a) Section 156.061, Occupations Code, as
25 added by this Act, applies only to an application for license
26 renewal filed on or after January 1, 2027. An application for
27 license renewal filed before that date is governed by the law in

1 effect on the date the application was filed, and the former law is
2 continued in effect for that purpose.

3 (b) Not later than December 31, 2026, the Texas Medical
4 Board shall adopt the rules required by Section 156.061,
5 Occupations Code, as added by this Act.

6 SECTION 21. (a) Section 204.1563, Occupations Code, as
7 added by this Act, applies only to an application for license
8 renewal filed on or after January 1, 2027. An application for
9 license renewal filed before that date is governed by the law in
10 effect on the date the application was filed, and the former law is
11 continued in effect for that purpose.

12 (b) Not later than December 31, 2026, the Texas Medical
13 Board shall adopt the rules required by Section 204.1563,
14 Occupations Code, as added by this Act.

15 SECTION 22. (a) Section 301.309, Occupations Code, as
16 added by this Act, applies only to an application for license
17 renewal filed on or after January 1, 2027. An application for
18 license renewal filed before that date is governed by the law in
19 effect on the date the application was filed, and the former law is
20 continued in effect for that purpose.

21 (b) Not later than December 31, 2026, the Texas Board of
22 Nursing shall adopt the rules required by Section 301.309,
23 Occupations Code, as added by this Act.

24 SECTION 23. (a) Sections 701.302 and 701.303, Occupations
25 Code, as added by this Act, apply only to an application for license
26 renewal filed on or after January 1, 2027. An application for
27 license renewal filed before that date is governed by the law in

1 effect on the date the application was filed, and the former law is
2 continued in effect for that purpose.

3 (b) Not later than December 31, 2026, the Texas Commission
4 of Licensing and Regulation shall adopt the rules required by
5 Sections 701.302 and 701.303, Occupations Code, as added by this
6 Act.

7 SECTION 24. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 25 passed the Senate on March 12, 2025, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0; and that the Senate concurred in House amendments on May 28, 2025, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Secretary of the Senate

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 25 passed the House, with amendments, on May 26, 2025, by the following vote: Yeas 116, Nays 24, one present not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

Approved:

Date

Governor