SECTION 4. Section 453.253, Occupations Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 453.253. RENEWAL OF EXPIRED LICENSE BY OUT-OF-STATE PRACTITIONER. (a) The board may renew without reexamination the expired license of a person who was licensed to practice as a physical therapist or physical therapist assistant in this state, moved to another state, and is currently licensed and in good standing in the other state, and meets the board’s requirements for renewal for the two years preceding application.

(b) The person must pay to the executive council a renewal fee set by the executive council in an amount that does not exceed the examination fee for the license.

SECTION 5. (a) Not later than December 1, 2013, the Texas Board of Physical Therapy Examiners and the Executive Council of Physical Therapy and Occupational Therapy Examiners shall adopt rules and fees necessary to implement Sections 453.252 and 453.253, Occupations Code, as amended by this Act.

(b) Sections 453.252 and 453.253, Occupations Code, as amended by this Act, apply only to the renewal of a physical therapist or physical therapist assistant license that expires on or after December 1, 2013. A license that expires before that date is governed by the law in effect on the date the license expires, and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose.

SECTION 6. This Act takes effect September 1, 2013.

Passed by the House on April 11, 2013: Yeas 144, Nays 0, 2 present, not voting; passed by the Senate on May 20, 2013: Yeas 30, Nays 1.

Approved June 14, 2013.

Effective September 1, 2013.

CHAPTER 868

H.B. No. 633

AN ACT relating to a voluntary contribution to the fund for veterans’ assistance when applying for a driver’s license or personal identification certificate.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION 1. Section 434.017(a), Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) The fund for veterans’ assistance is a special fund in the state treasury outside the general revenue fund. The fund is composed of:

(1) money transferred to the fund at the direction of the legislature;
(2) gifts and grants contributed to the fund;
(3) the earnings of the fund;
(4) money transferred to the fund from proceeds of the lottery game operated under Section 466.027 or transferred to the fund under Section 466.408(b); and
(5) money deposited to the credit of the fund under Section 502.1746, Transportation Code; and
(6) money deposited to the credit of the fund under Section 521.008, Transportation Code.

SECTION 2. Subchapter A, Chapter 521, Transportation Code, is amended by adding Section 521.008 to read as follows:

Sec. 521.008. VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTION TO FUND FOR VETERANS’ ASSISTANCE. (a) When a person applies for an original or renewal driver’s license or personal identification certificate under this chapter, the person may make a voluntary contribution in any amount to the fund for veterans’ assistance established by Section 434.017, Government Code.
(b) The department shall:

(1) include space on the first page of each application for an original or renewal driver's license or personal identification certificate that allows a person applying for an original or renewal driver's license or personal identification certificate to indicate the amount that the person is voluntarily contributing to the fund; and

(2) provide an opportunity for the person to contribute to the fund during the application process for an original or renewal driver's license or personal identification certificate on the department's Internet website.

(c) The department shall send any contribution made under this section to the comptroller for deposit in the state treasury to the credit of the fund for veterans' assistance not later than the 14th day of each month. Before sending the money to the fund, the department may deduct money equal to the amount of reasonable expenses for administering this section.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2013.

Passed by the House on April 11, 2013: Yeas 144, Nays 0, 2 present, not voting; passed by the Senate on May 22, 2013: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

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Effective September 1, 2013.

CHAPTER 869

H.B. No. 646

AN ACT
relating to the requirements for members appointed to the Texas State Board of Examiners of Psychologists.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION 1. Section 501.051, Occupations Code, is amended by adding Subsection (a-1) to read as follows:

(a-1) One of the members appointed under Subsection (a)(1) or (a)(2) must practice as a licensed specialist in school psychology under Section 501.260.

SECTION 2. The changes in law made by this Act in the qualifications of members of the Texas State Board of Examiners of Psychologists do not affect the entitlement of a member serving on the board immediately before the effective date of this Act to continue to serve for the remainder of the member's term. As the terms of board members expire, the governor shall appoint or reappoint a member who has the qualifications required for a member under Section 501.051(a-1), Occupations Code, as added by this Act.

SECTION 3. 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 Act takes effect September 1, 2013.

Passed by the House on April 18, 2013: Yeas 143, Nays 0, 2 present, not voting; passed by the Senate on May 20, 2013: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

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