

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to professions regulated by the Department
 3 of Business and Professional Regulation; amending s.
 4 455.271, F.S.; providing for the reinstatement of certain
 5 voided licenses; providing requirements for application
 6 and reinstatement of voided licenses, including fees,
 7 continuing education, and eligibility; providing an
 8 effective date.

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 10 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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 12 Section 1. Subsection (6) of section 455.271, Florida
 13 Statutes, is amended to read:

14 455.271 Inactive and delinquent status.--

15 (6)(a) A delinquent status licensee must affirmatively
 16 apply with a complete application, as defined by rule of the
 17 board, or the department if ~~when~~ there is no board, for active
 18 or inactive status during the licensure cycle in which a
 19 licensee becomes delinquent. Failure by a delinquent status
 20 licensee to become active or inactive before the expiration of
 21 the current licensure cycle shall render the license void null
 22 without any further action by the board or the department. ~~Any~~
 23 ~~subsequent licensure shall be as a result of applying for and~~
 24 ~~meeting all requirements imposed on an applicant for new~~
 25 ~~licensure.~~

26 (b) Notwithstanding the provisions of the professional
 27 practice acts administered by the department, the board, or the
 28 department if there is no board, may, at its discretion,

29 reinstate the license of an individual whose license has become
30 void if the board or department, as applicable, determine that
31 the individual has made a good-faith effort to comply with this
32 section but has failed to comply because of illness or unusual
33 hardship. The individual must apply to the board, or the
34 department if there is no board, for reinstatement in a manner
35 prescribed by rules of the board or the department, as
36 applicable, and shall pay an applicable fee in an amount
37 determined by rule. The board, or the department if there is no
38 board, shall require that such individual meet all continuing
39 education requirements prescribed by law, pay appropriate
40 licensing fees, and otherwise be eligible for renewal of
41 licensure under this chapter.

42 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2005.