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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to reinstatement of a revoked health
3 care practitioner license; amending s. 456.072, F.S.;
4 requiring, rather than authorizing, health care boards
5 under the Department of Health to establish rules for
6 applications for reinstatement of a revoked license;
7 requiring the boards to grant applicants opportunities
8 at reasonable intervals to demonstrate certain
9 competencies; requiring the board to grant an
10 applicant such initial opportunity within a specified
11 timeframe; providing examples of evidence the board
12 may require of an applicant to demonstrate certain
13 competencies; providing an effective date.

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

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17 Section 1. Subsection (6) of section 456.072, Florida
18 Statutes, is amended to read:

19 456.072 Grounds for discipline; penalties; enforcement.—

20 (6) If the board, or the department when there is no board,
21 determines that revocation of a license is the appropriate
22 penalty, the revocation shall be permanent. However, the board
23 shall ~~may~~ establish by rule requirements for reapplication by
24 applicants whose licenses have been permanently revoked. The
25 board shall provide a licensee or certificate holder affected
26 under this subsection an opportunity at reasonable intervals to
27 demonstrate that he or she can resume the competent practice of
28 his or her profession with reasonable skill and safety to
29 patients. The board shall grant an applicant an initial

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30 opportunity to demonstrate such competence within 10 years of
31 the date of the revocation, if requested within that timeframe.
32 The requirements may include, but are not limited to, satisfying
33 current requirements for an initial license, completing 500 or
34 more hours of practice under the supervision of a health care
35 professional regulated by the same board as the applicant prior
36 to revocation, and completing additional continuing education
37 hours as determined by the board to ensure the competency of the
38 applicant.

39 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2020.