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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to reapplication for revoked health
3 care practitioner licenses; amending s. 456.072, F.S.;
4 requiring, rather than authorizing, health care
5 practitioner boards under the Department of Health to
6 establish rules for reapplication for licensure by
7 health care practitioners who have had their licenses
8 permanently revoked; requiring the boards to grant
9 such applicants opportunities at reasonable intervals
10 to demonstrate certain competencies; requiring the
11 board to grant an applicant such initial opportunity
12 within a specified timeframe, if requested; specifying
13 conditions for reapplication the boards may impose on
14 such applicants; providing an effective date.

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

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

20 456.072 Grounds for discipline; penalties; enforcement.—

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

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37 before his or her license was revoked, and completing additional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

40 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2021.