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Bill Summary

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Overview

This bill adds emergency medical service personnel to the list of occupations that are not obligated to comply, in part, with Chapter 364. Chapter 364 gives rehabilitated criminal offenders the presumption of eligibility for public employment or a license to practice an occupation if their crime did not relate to the employment sought. Certain licensed occupations, however, are not obligated to give convicts this presumption due to the professions' unique access to vulnerable individuals, heightened trust requirement, or need to operate a motor vehicle. The bill also adds felony and gross misdemeanor indecent exposure to the list of crimes that make certain occupational license applications subject to denial.

Section

1 **Exceptions.**

Adds emergency medical service personnel to the list of occupations that are generally exempted from the provisions of Chapter 364. Occupations that are currently exempted are: (1) police officers; (2) law enforcement agencies; (3) fire protection agencies; (4) licensed private detectives; (5) health and day care providers; (6) school bus drivers; (7) special transportation providers; (8) commercial driving training instructors; (9) taxicab drivers; and (10) juvenile corrections employees (in certain cases).

Adds indecent exposure to the list of crimes that trigger the exception.