The adopted amendment to §114.53 eliminates the specification in the TEKS that the course may not be used to satisfy a LOTE requirement for an endorsement as it is not aligned with the rule related to endorsements.

The SBOE approved the amendment for first reading and filing authorization at its April 5, 2019 meeting and for second reading and final adoption at its June 14, 2019 meeting.

In accordance with TEC, §7.102(f), the SBOE approved the amendment for adoption by a vote of two-thirds of its members to specify an effective date earlier than the beginning of the 2020-2021 school year. The earlier effective date will ensure clarity of expectations related to the Advanced Language for Career Applications course at the start of the 2019-2020 school year. The effective date is August 26, 2019.

SUMMARY OF COMMENTS AND RESPONSES. The public comment period on the proposal began May 3, 2019, and ended June 7, 2019. The SBOE also provided an opportunity for registered oral and written comments at its June 2019 meeting in accordance with the SBOE board operating policies and procedures. No public comments were received on the proposal.

STATUTORY AUTHORITY. The amendment is adopted under Texas Education Code (TEC), §7.102(c)(4), which requires the State Board of Education (SBOE) to establish curriculum and graduation requirements; TEC, §28.002(a), which identifies the subjects of the required curriculum; TEC, §28.002(c), which requires the SBOE to by rule identify the essential knowledge and skills of each subject in the required curriculum that all students should be able to demonstrate and that will be used in evaluating instructional materials and addressed on the state assessment instruments; TEC, §28.002(t), which requires the SBOE, in consultation with the commissioner of higher education and business and industry leaders, to develop an advanced language course that a school district may use to provide students with instruction in industry-related terminology that prepares students to communicate in a language other than English in a specific professional, business, or industry environment; and TEC, §28.025(a), which requires the SBOE to by rule determine the curriculum requirements for the foundation high school graduation program that are consistent with the required curriculum under TEC, §28.002.

CROSS REFERENCE TO STATUTE. The amendment implements Texas Education Code, §§7.102(c)(4); 28.002(a), (c), and (t); and 28.025(a).

The agency certifies that legal counsel has reviewed the adoption and found it to be a valid exercise of the agency's legal authority.

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TITLE 22. EXAMINING BOARDS

PART 28. EXECUTIVE COUNCIL OF PHYSICAL THERAPY AND OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY EXAMINERS

CHAPTER 651. FEES

22 TAC §§651.1 - 651.3

The Executive Council of Physical Therapy and Occupational Therapy Examiners adopts amended Chapter 651, concerning Fees, pursuant to the amendment of the Executive Council of Physical Therapy and Occupational Therapy Examiners Act, Title 3, Subtitle H, Chapter 452 of the Occupations Code, pertaining to the repeal of physical therapy and occupational therapy facility registration and annual renewal in SB 317, 85th Legislative Session. The proposed text as published in the June 14, 2019, issue of the Texas Register (44 TexReg 2913) is adopted without changes, and will not be republished.

The amendments in Chapter 651 are adopted to discontinue the fees associated with the application, renewal, and associated fees for physical and occupational therapy facilities.

No comments were received regarding the proposal.

The amendments are proposed under the Executive Council of Physical Therapy and Occupational Therapy Examiners Act, Title 3, Subtitle H, Chapter 452, Occupations Code, which provides the Executive Council of Physical Therapy and Occupational Therapy Examiners the authority to adopt rules consistent with this Act to carry out its duties in administering this Act.

The agency certifies that legal counsel has reviewed the adoption and found it to be a valid exercise of the agency's legal authority.

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TITLE 28. INSURANCE

PART 1. TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE

CHAPTER 34. STATE FIRE MARSHAL

The Commissioner of Insurance adopts amendments to 28 TAC Subchapter E, Fire Extinguisher Rules, §§34.510, 34.511, 34.514, and 34.515; Subchapter F, Fire Alarm Rules, §§34.610, 34.613, 34.614, and 34.616; Subchapter G, Fire Sprinkler Rules, §§34.710, 34.713, and 34.714; and Subchapter H, Storage and Sale of Fireworks, §§34.808, 34.811, 34.814, and 34.817. The amendments were published in the March 8, 2019, issue of the Texas Register (44 TexReg 1245). The department adopts 28 TAC Subchapter E, Fire Extinguisher