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<u>Present law</u> requires non-exempt licensing entities to issue an occupational or professional license to an applicant if the applicant meets all other requirements of the licensing qualifications, except those pertaining to former offenses.

<u>Present law</u> provides that an ex-offender may apply to any entity issuing an occupational or professional license and the entity shall issue a license for which the applicant applied if the applicant meets all qualifications.

<u>Present law</u> provides that a licensing entity may revoke the license issued if the offender commits a new felony or violates a rule or law associated with the field of work. <u>Present law</u> further provides that if the license is revoked the holder shall not be entitled to receive another license for which the applicant originally applied and the issuing entity has discretion in determining the holders ability to receive a license from another entity.

Proposed law defines "licensing entity".

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<u>Proposed law</u> provides that a person shall not be disqualified from receiving a license, permit, certificate, or registration, solely or partly, because of prior criminal record, except where the conviction is directly related to the employment position sought, occupation or profession sought.

Proposed law provides for factors to be considered for applicants with prior criminal convictions.

<u>Proposed law</u> provides that complaints concerning any violations of <u>proposed law</u> shall be adjudicated in accordance with administrative and judicial review.

Proposed law provides for licensing entities exempt from proposed law.

<u>Proposed law</u> provides relative to procedures for pre-application eligibility determination for individuals applying for occupational, or professional licenses, permits, certifications, or registrations.

<u>Present law</u> provides that a licensing entity is not required to issue a license to any person convicted of any of the following:

- (1) Any grade of homicide enumerated in R.S. 14:29.
- (2) A "Crime of violence" as enumerated in R.S. 14:2(B).

(3) A "sex offense" as defined by R.S. 15:541.

Proposed law deletes present law.

Proposed law makes technical changes.

Effective August 1, 2022.

(Amends R.S. 37:31-36; repeals R.S. 37:2950))