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**SENATE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS**

2024 Regular Session

Amendments proposed by Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection and International Affairs to Original Senate Bill No. 60 by Senator Pressly

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1 AMENDMENT NO. 1

2 On page 1, delete lines 3 through 6 and insert the following:

3 "of R.S. 37:51 through 59, relative to universal occupational license recognition; to provide  
4 for definitions; to provide for conditions for application; to provide for occupational  
5 licensing requirements; to require proof of residency; to provide for jurisprudential  
6 examination; to provide for board decisions on applications; to provide for appeals of a  
7 board decision on applications; to provide for state law and jurisdiction; to provide for  
8 exemptions; to provide for limitations; and to provide for related matters."

9 AMENDMENT NO. 2

10 On page 1, line 9, change "58" to "59"

11 AMENDMENT NO. 3

12 On page 1, delete line 10 and insert "**CHAPTER 1-E. WELCOME HOME ACT**"

13 AMENDMENT NO. 4

14 On page 1, delete lines 12 through 17 and on page 2, delete lines 1 through 9 and insert the  
15 following:

16 **"The words defined in this Section have the meanings given them for**  
17 **purposes of this Chapter unless the context clearly requires otherwise.**

18 **(1) "Board" means any state executive branch board, commission,**  
19 **department, or other agency that regulates the entry of persons into a particular**  
20 **profession or occupation or that is authorized to issue or revoke occupational**  
21 **licenses or certifications.**

22 **(2) "Occupational license" means a nontransferable authorization**  
23 **issued by a state to an individual to legally practice or engage in a regulated**  
24 **profession or occupation.**

25 AMENDMENT NO. 5

26 On page 2, line 10, change "~~(4)~~" to "~~(3)~~"

27 AMENDMENT NO. 6

28 On page 2, line 11, after "state." delete the remainder of the line and delete line 12

29 AMENDMENT NO. 7

30 On page 2, delete lines 13 through 21

31 AMENDMENT NO. 8

32 On page 2, line 22, change "~~(7)~~" to "~~(4)~~"

33 AMENDMENT NO. 9

34 On page 2, line 23, after "**perform**" delete the remainder of the line and insert "**pursuant**  
35 **to an occupational license or certification issued in this**"

1 AMENDMENT NO. 10

2 On page 2, line 25, change "Licensure by another state; recognition" to "Occupational  
3 license or certification"

4 AMENDMENT NO. 11

5 On page 2, delete lines 26 through 29 and delete page 3

6 AMENDMENT NO. 12

7 On page 4, delete lines 1 through 4 and insert the following:

8 "A. Notwithstanding any other law, a board shall issue an occupational  
9 license or certification to a person upon application, if all the following apply:

10 (1) The applicant holds a current and valid occupational license or  
11 certification in another state in a lawful occupation with a similar scope of  
12 practice, as determined by the board in this state.

13 (2) The applicant has held the occupational license or certification in the  
14 other state for at least one year.

15 (3) The other state required the applicant to pass an examination, or to  
16 meet education, training, or experience standards.

17 (4) The other state holds the applicant in good standing.

18 (5) The applicant does not have a disqualifying criminal record as  
19 determined by the board in this state under state law.

20 (6) The applicant does not have a disciplinary action or investigation  
21 pending in another state. If the applicant has a disciplinary action or  
22 investigation pending, the board in this state shall not issue or deny an  
23 occupational license or certification to the person until the disciplinary action  
24 or investigation is resolved or the person otherwise meets the criteria for an  
25 occupational license or certification in this state to the satisfaction of the board  
26 in this state.

27 (7) The applicant pays all applicable fees in this state.

28 (8) The applicant lives in this state and provides proof of residency as  
29 outlined in R.S. 37:53.

30 B. If another state issued the applicant a certification, but this state  
31 requires an occupational license to work, the board in this state shall issue an  
32 occupational license to the applicant if the applicant otherwise satisfies  
33 Subsection A of this Section.

34 §53. Residency

35 For purposes of this Chapter, residency may be established by producing  
36 proof of one of the following:

37 (1) A current state-issued identification card.

38 (2) A state-issued voter registration card.

39 (3) Documentation of current in-state employment or notarized letter  
40 of promise of employment of the applicant or his spouse. If an applicant uses  
41 this method to obtain licensure, a board shall require another form of proof of  
42 residency listed in this Section, six months after licensure is granted.

43 (4) A current homestead exemption for this state."

44 AMENDMENT NO. 13

45 On page 4, line 5, after "State" insert "law"

46 AMENDMENT NO. 14

47 On page 4, delete lines 6 and 7 and insert "A board may require an applicant to pass a"

1 AMENDMENT NO. 15

2 On page 4, line 9 after "**occupational license**" delete the remainder of the line and insert "**or**  
3 **certification in this state requires an applicant to pass a**"

4 AMENDMENT NO. 16

5 On page 4, line 11, after "**occupation**" insert "**or certification**"

6 AMENDMENT NO. 17

7 On page 4, between lines 11 and 12 insert the following:

8 **§55. Decision**  
9 **A board shall provide an applicant with a written decision regarding his**  
10 **application within sixty days after receiving a complete application.**

11 **§56. Appeal**  
12 **A. An applicant may appeal a board's decision to a court of general**  
13 **jurisdiction.**

14 **B. An applicant may appeal any of the following:**  
15 **(1) The board's denial of an occupational license or certification.**  
16 **(2) The board's determination of the occupation or certification.**  
17 **(3) The board's determination of the similarity of the scope of practice**  
18 **of the occupational license or certification issued.**

19 AMENDMENT NO. 18

20 On page 4, line 12, change "**§55.**" to "**§57.**" and delete "**; exceptions**"

21 AMENDMENT NO. 19

22 On page 4, line 13, change "**A. Any**" to "**A**" and after "**occupational license**" insert "**or**  
23 **certification**"

24 AMENDMENT NO. 20

25 On page 4, line 15, after "**jurisdiction**" delete the remainder of the line and insert "**of the**  
26 **board in this state.**"

27 AMENDMENT NO. 21

28 On page 4, delete lines 16 through 18 and insert the following:  
29 **§58. Exceptions**  
30 **This Chapter does not apply to an occupation regulated by the state**  
31 **supreme court.**

32 AMENDMENT NO. 22

33 On page 4, line 19, change "**§56.**" to "**§59.**"

34 AMENDMENT NO. 23

35 On page 4, line 20 after "**shall**" insert "**be construed to**"

36 AMENDMENT NO. 24

37 On page 4, line 21, after "**occupational license**" insert "**or certification**"

38 AMENDMENT NO. 25

39 On page 4, line 22, after "**occupational license**" insert "**or certification**"

1 AMENDMENT NO. 26

2 On page 4, delete line 23, and insert "**in this state. It does not make the person**"

3 AMENDMENT NO. 27

4 On page 4, line 26, after "**shall**" insert "**be construed to**"

5 AMENDMENT NO. 28

6 On page 4, line 27, after "**licensing compact**" insert "**, professional national mobility**  
7 **agreement,**"

8 AMENDMENT NO. 29

9 On page 4, line 29, after "**shall**" insert "**be construed to**"

10 AMENDMENT NO. 30

11 On page 5, line 3, after "**shall**" insert "**be construed to**"

12 AMENDMENT NO. 31

13 On page 5, delete lines 5 through 19