

SECOND REGULAR SESSION
HOUSE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR
HOUSE BILL NO. 1710
99TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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D. ADAM CRUMBLISS, Chief Clerk

AN ACT

To amend chapter 324, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to professional registration.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Chapter 324, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be
2 known as section 324.009, to read as follows:

324.009. 1. For purposes of this section, the following terms mean:

2 **(1) "License", a license, certificate, registration, permit, or accreditation that**
3 **enables a person to legally practice an occupation, profession, or activity in a particular**
4 **jurisdiction;**

5 **(2) "Oversight body", any board, department, agency, or office of a jurisdiction**
6 **that issues licenses; except oversight body shall not include the state board of registration**
7 **for the healing arts, the state board of nursing, the board of pharmacy, the state committee**
8 **of psychologists, or the Missouri dental board.**

9 **2. Notwithstanding any other provision of law relating to professional license**
10 **reciprocity, any resident of Missouri who holds a valid current license issued by another**
11 **state, territory of the United States, or the District of Columbia may submit an application**
12 **for a license in Missouri in the same profession, occupation, or activity for which he or she**
13 **holds the current license, along with proof of current licensure in the other jurisdiction,**
14 **to the relevant oversight body in this state.**

15 **3. The oversight body in this state shall, within six months of receiving an**
16 **application described in subsection 2 of this section, waive any examination, educational,**
17 **or experience requirements for licensure in this state for the applicant if it determines that**
18 **the licensing requirements in the jurisdiction that issued the applicant's license are**

EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.

19 **substantially similar to or more stringent than the licensing requirements in Missouri for**
20 **the same occupation, profession, or activity.**

21 **4. The oversight body shall not waive any examination, educational, or experience**
22 **requirements for any applicant who is currently under disciplinary action with an**
23 **oversight body outside the state or who does not hold a valid current license in the other**
24 **jurisdiction on the date the oversight body receives his or her application under this**
25 **section.**

26 **5. The oversight body shall not waive any examination, educational, or experience**
27 **requirements for any applicant if it determines that waiving the requirements for the**
28 **applicant may endanger the public health, safety, or welfare.**

29 **6. Nothing in this section shall prohibit the oversight body from denying a license**
30 **to an applicant under this section for any reason described in any section associated with**
31 **the occupation, profession, or activity for which the applicant seeks a license.**

32 **7. This section shall not be construed to waive any requirement for an applicant to**
33 **pay any fees, post any bonds or surety bonds, or submit proof of insurance associated with**
34 **the license the applicant seeks.**

35 **8. This section shall not apply to business, professional, or occupational licenses**
36 **issued or required by political subdivisions.**

37 **9. The provisions of this section shall not be construed to alter the authority**
38 **granted by, or any requirements promulgated pursuant to, any interjurisdictional or**
39 **interstate compacts adopted by Missouri statute and whenever possible this section shall**
40 **be interpreted so as to imply no conflict between it and any compact.**

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