

HCS HB 1261 -- PROFESSIONAL REGISTRATION (Schroer)

COMMITTEE OF ORIGIN: Standing Committee on Professional
Registration and Licensing

This bill requires all state and local licensing boards or entities to waive, for a two-year period, any fees charged to obtain or renew occupational licenses for military families and low-income individuals who request such a waiver.

The bill prevents any political subdivision from imposing any licensing requirements for an occupation or profession already regulated by the state. The bill prevents state licensing authorities from hiring lobbyists. However, it does allow state employees to act as legislative liaisons.

The bill also requires all licensing authorities to publish a list of criminal offenses for which the authority would deny licensure. To be included, a criminal offense must directly relate to the duties and responsibilities of the licensed occupation or profession.