

INTERIM STUDY PROPOSAL 2015-001

REQUESTING THAT THE ARKANSAS LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL REFER TO THE SENATE STATE AGENCIES COMMITTEE AN INTERIM STUDY TO EVALUATE THE CURRENT OCCUPATIONAL LICENSING PRACTICES WITHIN EXISTING STATE BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS AND THE FEASIBILITY OF CONSOLIDATING EXISTING PRACTICES IN ORDER TO CREATE A SINGLE STATE LICENSING AGENCY.

WHEREAS, numerous occupations in the State of Arkansas require a special license to engage in a given trade or profession; and

WHEREAS, Arkansas currently delegates licensing procedures for a range of occupations to various state boards and commissions; and

WHEREAS, in order to promote efficient, comprehensive, and cost effective occupational licensing procedures in the State of Arkansas, a single state licensing agency should be created; and

WHEREAS, the creation of a state licensing agency would streamline the various occupational licensing requirements and result in greater accessibility for those seeking licensure,

NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT PROPOSED BY THE ARKANSAS LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL OF THE NINETIETH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

THAT the Arkansas Legislative Council refer to the Senate State Agencies Committee an interim study to evaluate the current occupational licensing practices within existing state boards and commissions and to explore the feasibility of consolidating existing practices to create a single state licensing agency.

Respectfully submitted,

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