A Bill

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE OCCUPATIONAL OR PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE FOR CERTAIN INDIVIDUALS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO AUTHORIZE OCCUPATIONAL OR PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE FOR CERTAIN INDIVIDUALS.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 17, Chapter 1, Subchapter 1, is amended to add an additional section to read as follows:


(a) As used in this section:

(1) "Occupational or professional license" means a license, certificate, registration, permit, or other form of authorization required by law or rule for an individual to engage in a particular occupation or profession; and

(2) "Occupational or professional licensing entity" means an office, board, commission, department, council, bureau, or other agency of state government having authority to license, certify, register, permit, or otherwise authorize an individual to engage in a particular occupation or profession.

(b) An occupational or professional licensing entity shall grant an occupational or professional license under this section to an individual who fulfills the requirements to practice an occupation or profession in this
state and is a person who holds a Federal Form I-766 United States
Citizenship and Immigration Services-issued Employment Authorization
Document, known popularly as a "work permit".

(c) This section is a state law within the meaning of subsection (d)

SECTION 2. DO NOT CODIFY. Rules implementing this act.

(a) All occupational or professional licensing entities shall
promulgate rules necessary to implement this act.

(b)(1) When adopting the initial rules to implement this act, the
final rule shall be filed with the Secretary of State for adoption under §
25-15-204(f):

(A) On or before January 1, 2022; or
(B) If approval under § 10-3-309 has not occurred by
January 1, 2022, as soon as practicable after approval under § 10-3-309.

(2) An occupational or professional licensing entity shall file
the proposed rule with the Legislative Council under § 10-3-309(c)
sufficiently in advance of January 1, 2022, so that the Legislative Council
may consider the rule for approval before January 1, 2022.

APPROVED: 4/19/21