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2 93rd General Assembly  
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4

# A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1378

5 By: Representative Penzo  
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## For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE OCCUPATIONAL OR PROFESSIONAL  
9 LICENSURE FOR INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE MIGRANTS FROM THE  
10 COMPACT OF FREE ASSOCIATION ISLANDS; AND FOR OTHER  
11 PURPOSES.  
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## Subtitle

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15 LICENSURE FOR INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE  
16 MIGRANTS FROM THE COMPACT OF FREE  
17 ASSOCIATION ISLANDS.  
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21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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23 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 17, Chapter 1, Subchapter 1, is amended  
24 to add an additional section to read as follows:

25 17-1-109. Licensing of migrants from the Compact of Free Association  
26 Islands – Definitions.

27 (a) As used in this section:

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

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



1       (b) An occupational or professional licensing entity shall grant an  
 2 occupational or professional license under this section to an individual who,  
 3 in addition to fulfilling the requirements to practice an occupation or  
 4 profession in this state, is a migrant from the Compact of Free Association  
 5 islands.

6       (c) This section is a state law within the meaning of subsection (d)  
 7 of 8 U.S.C. § 1621, as existing on January 1, 2021.

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

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

12       (b)(1) When adopting the initial rules to implement this act, the  
 13 final rule shall be filed with the Secretary of State for adoption under §  
 14 25-15-204(f):

15               (A) On or before January 1, 2022; or

16               (B) If approval under § 10-3-309 has not occurred by  
 17 January 1, 2022, as soon as practicable after approval under § 10-3-309.

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