

Hall of the House of Representatives
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Amendment Form

Subtitle of House Bill No. 1823

TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING LICENSING, REGISTRATION, AND CERTIFICATION FOR
CERTAIN PROFESSIONS; AND TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING REINSTATEMENT OF LICENSES
AND CERTIFICATION.

Amendment No. 1 to House Bill No. 1823

Amend House Bill No. 1823 as originally introduced:

Add Senator Hester as a cosponsor of the bill

AND

Page 1, delete line 8, and substitute the following:

"AN ACT TO PROMOTE, RECRUIT, AND RETAIN A HIGHLY SKILLED WORKFORCE IN THIS
STATE; TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING LICENSING,"

AND

Delete the subtitle in its entirety and substitute:

"TO PROMOTE, RECRUIT, AND RETAIN A HIGHLY
SKILLED WORKFORCE IN THIS STATE; AND TO
AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING LICENSING,
REGISTRATION, AND CERTIFICATION FOR
CERTAIN PROFESSIONS."

AND

Delete everything after the enacting clause and substitute the following:

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

17-1-107. Reinstatement of licenses.

(a) A licensing entity shall by rule adopt reduced requirements for
reinstatement of a license, registration, or certification for a person who:

(1) Demonstrates that he or she:

(A) Was previously licensed, registered, or certified to
practice in the field of his or her profession at any time in any state;

(B) Held his or her license in good standing at the time
of licensing;



- (C) Did not have his or her license revoked for:
 - (i) An act of bad faith; or
 - (ii) A violation of law, rule, or ethics; and
- (D) Is sufficiently competent in his or her field; and
- (2) Pays any reinstatement fee required by law.

(b) The licensing entity may require that sufficient competency in a particular field be demonstrated by:

- (1) Proficiency testing;
- (2) Letters of recommendation; or
- (3) Both proficiency testing and letters of recommendation.

(c)(1) Except as provided under subdivision (c)(2) of this section, the licensing entity shall not require a person who meets the requirements of subsection (a) of this section to participate in the apprenticeship, education, or training required as a prerequisite to licensing, registration, or certification of a new professional in the field.

(2) The licensing entity may require the person to participate in continuing education or training if the continuing education or training is required for all professionals in the field to maintain the license, registration, or certification.

(d) If a person meets the requirements for reciprocity under a licensing entity's laws and rules, the person shall not be required to comply with requirements under this section to obtain reinstatement of his or her license, registration, or certification.

(e) As used in this section "licensing entity" means an agency, board, commission, department, committee, or other authority of the government of the State of Arkansas, whether within or subject to review by another agency, except the General Assembly, the courts, and Governor, that has the duty to license, register, certify, or otherwise approve a person to work in a particular field or industry."

The Amendment was read _____
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