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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1823

5 By: Representative Dotson
6 *By: Senator Hester*
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For An Act To Be Entitled

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9 *AN ACT TO PROMOTE, RECRUIT, AND RETAIN A HIGHLY*
10 *SKILLED WORKFORCE IN THIS STATE; TO AMEND THE LAW*
11 *CONCERNING LICENSING, REGISTRATION, AND CERTIFICATION*
12 *FOR CERTAIN PROFESSIONS; TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING*
13 *REINSTATEMENT OF LICENSES AND CERTIFICATION; AND FOR*
14 *OTHER PURPOSES.*

Subtitle

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18 *TO PROMOTE, RECRUIT, AND RETAIN A HIGHLY*
19 *SKILLED WORKFORCE IN THIS STATE; AND TO*
20 *AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING LICENSING,*
21 *REGISTRATION, AND CERTIFICATION FOR*
22 *CERTAIN PROFESSIONS.*

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25 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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27 *SECTION 1. Arkansas Code, Title 17, Chapter 1, Subchapter 1, is*
28 *amended to add an additional section to read as follows:*

29 *17-1-107. Reinstatement of licenses.*

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

32 *(1) Demonstrates that he or she:*

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

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



1 (C) Did not have his or her license revoked for:

2 (i) An act of bad faith; or

3 (ii) A violation of law, rule, or ethics; and

4 (D) Is sufficiently competent in his or her field; and

5 (2) Pays any reinstatement fee required by law.

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

8 (1) Proficiency testing;

9 (2) Letters of recommendation; or

10 (3) Both proficiency testing and letters of recommendation.

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

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

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

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

30 /s/Dotson

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