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8. Reciprocity

- A. Required Qualifications. An applicant applying for reciprocal licensure shall meet the following requirements:
1. The applicant shall hold a substantially similar license in another United States' jurisdiction.
 - a. A license from another state is substantially similar to an Arkansas chiropractic license if the other state's licensure qualifications require:
 - i. Completion of not less than a minimum of sixty (60) semester credit hours of college education to include a minimum of thirty (30) semester credit hours in the field of science; possess a valid 'Doctor of Chiropractic' degree from a chiropractic institution whose requirements include a course of instruction of not less than four (4) years of nine (9) academic months each or not less than four thousand four hundred (4,400) fifty-minute resident class hours and include one hundred twenty (120) classroom hours of physiological therapeutics
 - b. The applicant shall hold his or her occupational licensure in good standing;
 - c. The applicant shall not have had a license revoked for:
 - i. An act of bad faith; or
 - ii. A violation of law, rule, or ethics;
 - d. The applicant shall not hold a suspended or probationary license in a United States' jurisdiction;
 2. The applicant shall be sufficiently competent in the practice of chiropractic; and
 3. Practice Management, Ethics and Jurisprudence; Physical/Clinical Diagnosis; Chiropractic Examination Procedures; Chiropractic Adjusting & Manipulation; X-Ray Interpretation; Chiropractic Philosophy
- B. Required documentation. An applicant shall submit a fully-executed application, the required fee, and the documentation described below.
1. As evidence that the applicant's license from another jurisdiction is substantially similar to Arkansas's, the applicant shall submit the following information:
 - a. Evidence of current and active licensure in that state. The Board may verify this information online if the jurisdiction at issue provides primary source verification on its website or by telephone to the other state's licensing board; and

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- b. Evidence that the other state's licensure requirements match those listed in A.1.a.i. The Board may verify this information online or by telephone to the other state's licensing board.
2. To demonstrate that the applicant meets the requirement in A.1.b. through d., the applicant shall provide the Board with:
- a. The names of all states in which the applicant is currently licensed or has been previously licensed;
 - b. Letters of good standing or other information from each state in which the applicant is currently or has ever been licensed showing that the applicant has not had his license revoked for the reasons listed in A.1.c. and does not hold a license on suspended or probationary status as described in A.1.d. The Board may verify this information online if the jurisdiction at issue provides primary source verification on its website or by telephone to the other state's licensing board.
3. As evidence that the applicant is sufficiently competent in the field of chiropractic, an applicant shall:
- a. Pass parts I, II, III, IV and the physiological therapeutics section of the National Board of Chiropractic Examiners, as well as, the Arkansas State Board of Chiropractic Examiners jurisprudence exam
 - b. Submit one (1) letter of recommendation from a licensed chiropractor who has been licensed five (5) or more years

Temporary and Provisional License

- A. Board shall issue a temporary and provisional license immediately upon receipt of the application, the required fee, and the documentation required under B.1.a. and b.
- B. The temporary and provisional license shall be effective for at least 90 days or until the Board makes a decision on the application, unless the Board determines that the applicant does not meet the requirements in Reciprocity sections A.1., A.2., and A.3., in which case the temporary and provisional license shall be immediately revoked.
- C. An applicant may provide the rest of the documentation required above in order to receive a license, or the applicant may only provide the information necessary for the issuance of a temporary and provisional license.

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to present law.
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2 92nd General Assembly
3 Regular Session, 2019
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HOUSE BILL 1301

5 By: Representative Cozart
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For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO CREATE THE RED TAPE REDUCTION EXPEDITED
9 TEMPORARY AND PROVISIONAL LICENSURE ACT; TO AUTHORIZE
10 OCCUPATIONAL LICENSING ENTITIES TO GRANT EXPEDITED
11 TEMPORARY AND PROVISIONAL LICENSING FOR CERTAIN
12 INDIVIDUALS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

16 TO CREATE THE RED TAPE REDUCTION
17 EXPEDITED TEMPORARY AND PROVISIONAL
18 LICENSURE ACT; TO AUTHORIZE OCCUPATIONAL
19 LICENSING ENTITIES TO GRANT EXPEDITED
20 TEMPORARY AND PROVISIONAL LICENSING FOR
21 CERTAIN INDIVIDUALS.
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24 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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26 SECTION 1. DO NOT CODIFY. Title.

27 This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Red Tape Reduction
28 Expedited Temporary and Provisional Licensure Act."
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30 SECTION 2. DO NOT CODIFY. Legislative findings and intent.

31 (a) The General Assembly finds that:

32 (1) Arkansas is taking a leading role in the nationwide pursuit
33 of reforms to the system of occupational licensing;

34 (2) Arkansas became one (1) of eleven (11) states chosen to
35 participate in the Occupational Licensing Policy Learning Consortium, an
36 initiative funded by a grant from the United States Department of Labor and

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1 supported in partnership with the National Conference of State Legislatures,
2 the Council of State Governments, and the National Governors Association;

3 (3) Governor Asa Hutchinson appointed seventeen (17) individuals
4 to the Red Tape Reduction Working Group to review and address occupational
5 licensing regulations that create unnecessary barriers to labor market entry;
6 and

7 (4) The Red Tape Reduction Working Group issued a final report
8 to the Governor in the fall of 2018 with five (5) recommendations for
9 substantive legislative reform, which are to:

10 (A) Establish an expedited procedure for occupational
11 licensing entities to collectively submit administrative rules that are
12 responsive to new legislation;

13 (B) Extend Acts 2017, No. 781, to allow repeal of
14 subsections of rules;

15 (C) Establish provisions to allow certain agencies to
16 consider occupational relevance with regard to criminal background issues;

17 (D) Authorize occupational licensing entities to identify
18 types of individuals or entities that may be issued temporary or provisional
19 licenses; and

20 (E) Establish a systematic process for review of:

21 (i) New occupational licensure and occupational
22 licensing entities; and

23 (ii) Existing occupational licensure and
24 occupational licensing entities.

25 (b) It is the intent of the General Assembly to authorize occupational
26 licensing entities to identify types of individuals or entities that may be
27 issued temporary or provisional licenses.

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29 SECTION 3. Arkansas Code Title 17, Chapter 1, Subchapter 1, is amended
30 to add an additional section to read as follows:

31 17-1-108. Expedited temporary and provisional licensure.

32 (a) As used in this section:

33 (1) "Individual" means a natural person, firm, association,
34 partnership, corporation, or other entity that may hold an occupational
35 licensure;

36 (2) "Occupational licensing entity" means an office, board,

1 commission, department, council, bureau, or other agency of state government
2 having authority to license, certify, register, permit, or otherwise
3 authorize an individual to engage in a particular occupation or profession;
4 and

5 (3) "Occupational licensure" means a license, certificate,
6 registration, permit, or other form of authorization required by law or rule
7 that is required for an individual to engage in a particular occupation or
8 profession.

9 (b) An occupational licensing entity shall by rule adopt the least
10 restrictive requirements for occupational licensure for an individual who:

11 (1) Demonstrates that he or she:

12 (A) Holds an occupational licensure that is substantially
13 similar to practice in the field of his or her occupation or profession in
14 another state, territory, or district of the United States;

15 (B) Holds his or her occupational licensure in good
16 standing;

17 (C) Has not had his or her occupational licensure revoked
18 for:

19 (i) An act of bad faith; or

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

21 (D) Is not holding a suspended or probationary
22 occupational licensure in any state, territory, or district of the United
23 States; and

24 (E) Is sufficiently competent in his or her field; and

25 (2) Pays any occupational licensure fee required by law or rule.

26 (c)(1)(A) An occupational licensing entity shall comply with the
27 requirements under subsection (b) of this section by adopting the least
28 restrictive rule that allows for reciprocity or licensure by endorsement.

29 (B) The rule adopted under subdivision (c)(1)(A) of this
30 section shall provide the procedure by which an occupational licensing entity
31 shall grant a temporary and provisional occupational licensure for ninety
32 (90) days or longer to an individual under subsection (b) of this section if
33 presented with evidence of a current and active occupational licensure that
34 is substantially similar to practice in the field of his or her occupation or
35 profession in another state, territory, or district of the United States.

36 (2) If a state, territory, or district of the United States does

1 not require occupational licensure for a profession that requires
2 occupational licensure in this state, an occupational licensing entity shall
3 adopt a rule that is least restrictive to permit an individual who is
4 sufficiently competent in his or her field to obtain occupational licensure
5 for that occupation or profession in this state.

6 (3) The occupational licensing entity may require additional
7 state-specific education for an individual with an occupational licensure in
8 another state, territory, or district of the United States that does not
9 offer reciprocity similar to reciprocity under this section to individuals
10 with occupational licensure in this state.

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

16 (2) The occupational licensing entity may require the individual
17 to participate in continuing education or training if the continuing
18 education or training is required for all professionals in the field to
19 maintain the occupational licensure.

20 (e) If a criminal background check is required of an applicant for an
21 initial occupational licensure or of a person currently holding an
22 occupational licensure, then the occupational licensing entity may require a
23 person seeking his or her occupational licensure under this section to meet
24 the same criminal background check requirements as the applicant for an
25 initial occupational licensure or as the person currently holding an
26 occupational licensure.

27 (f) The occupational licensing entity may require the individual
28 applying for occupational licensure under this section to meet any bonding,
29 financial statement, or insurance requirements that are applicable to all
30 applicants.

31 (g) This section shall not apply to:

32 (1) Reciprocity or license by endorsement provisions under §§
33 17-12-308, 17-26-315, 17-27-308, 17-28-306, 17-31-308, 17-36-304, 17-42-305,
34 17-43-307, 17-83-305, 17-88-305, 17-89-305, 17-90-302, 17-92-114, 17-92-308,
35 17-93-414, 17-97-306, 17-99-304, 17-100-304, and 17-103-302; or

36 (2) The occupational licensing entities that administer the

1 reciprocity provisions under subdivision (g)(1) of this section.

2 (h) An occupational licensing entity may enter into written agreements
3 with similar occupational licensing entities of another state, territory, or
4 district of the United States as necessary to assure for licensees in this
5 state have comparable nonresident licensure opportunities as those
6 opportunities available to nonresidents by occupational licensing entities in
7 this state.

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2 92nd General Assembly

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3 Regular Session, 2019

HOUSE BILL 1255

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5 By: Representative Dotson

6 By: Senator Hester

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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO PROMOTE, RECRUIT, AND RETAIN A HIGHLY
10 SKILLED WORKFORCE IN THE STATE OF ARKANSAS; TO AMEND
11 THE LAW CONCERNING LICENSING, REGISTRATION, AND
12 CERTIFICATION FOR CERTAIN PROFESSIONS; TO ESTABLISH A
13 SYSTEM OF ENDORSEMENT, RECOGNITION, AND RECIPROCITY
14 FOR LICENSING, REGISTRATION, AND CERTIFICATION FOR
15 CERTAIN PROFESSIONS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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19 TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING LICENSING,
20 REGISTRATION, AND CERTIFICATION FOR
21 CERTAIN PROFESSIONS; AND TO ESTABLISH A
22 SYSTEM OF ENDORSEMENT, RECOGNITION, AND
23 RECIPROCITY FOR LICENSING.

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

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28 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 17-1-107 is amended to read as follows:

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

30 ~~(a)(1) It is not the intent of the General Assembly to cause the~~
31 ~~licensing entity to engage in simple comparisons of the required hours of~~
32 ~~training and other personal qualifications under Arkansas's occupational~~
33 ~~licensing statutes with those qualifications required in the state where the~~
34 ~~person is credentialed.~~

35 ~~(2) It is the intent of the General Assembly to ensure that a~~
36 ~~person may be credentialed to work in Arkansas if he or she generally~~



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1 ~~demonstrates the skills and ethics required by state law based on the~~
2 ~~person's experience and credentials in another state.~~

3 ~~(b)(a)~~ A Occupational licensing entity shall by rule adopt reduced
4 requirements for reinstatement of a license, registration, permit, or
5 certification for a person who:

6 (1) Demonstrates that he or she:

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

10 (B) Held his or her license, registration, permit, or
11 certification in good standing at the time of licensing, registration,
12 permitting, or certification;

13 (C) Did not have his or her license, registration, permit,
14 or certification revoked for:

15 (i) An act of bad faith; or

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

17 (D) Is not holding a suspended or probationary license,
18 registration, permit, or certification in any state; and

19 (E) Is sufficiently competent in his or her field; and

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

21 ~~(e)(b)~~ The occupational licensing entity may require that sufficient
22 competency in a particular field be demonstrated by:

23 (1) Proficiency testing;

24 (2) Letters of recommendation; or

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

26 ~~(d)(1)(c)(1)~~ Except as provided under subdivision ~~(e)(2)(b)~~ of this
27 section, the occupational licensing entity shall not require a person who
28 meets the requirements of subsection (a) of this section to participate in
29 the apprenticeship, education, or training required as a prerequisite to
30 licensing, registration, permitting, or certification of a new professional
31 in the field.

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

36 ~~(e)(d)~~ A person shall not be required to comply with requirements

1 under this section to obtain reinstatement of his or her license,
2 registration, permit, or certification if the person meets the requirements
3 for reciprocity.

4 ~~(f)~~(e) If a criminal background check is required of an applicant for
5 an original license, registration, permit, or certification, or of a person
6 currently holding a license, registration, permit, or certification, then the
7 occupational licensing entity may require a person seeking reinstatement
8 under this section to meet the same criminal background check requirements as
9 the applicant for an original license, registration, permit, or
10 certification, or as the person currently holding a license, registration,
11 permit, or certification.

12 ~~(g)~~(f)(1) As used in this section, "occupational licensing entity"
13 means an agency, office, council, bureau, board, commission, department,
14 committee, or other authority of the government of the State of Arkansas,
15 whether within or subject to review by another agency, ~~except the General~~
16 ~~Assembly, the courts, and the Governor,~~ that has the duty to license,
17 register, permit, certify, or otherwise approve a person to work in a
18 particular field or industry.

19 (2) As used in subdivision (f)(1) of this section "agency"
20 does not include the General Assembly, the courts, or the Governor.

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22 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 17-1-108, as added by Acts 2019, No. 426,
23 is amended to read as follows:

24 17-1-108. Expedited temporary and provisional licensure – Legislative
25 intent.

26 (a)(1) It is the intent of the General Assembly to ensure that an
27 individual may be credentialed to work in Arkansas if he or she generally
28 demonstrates the skills and ethics required by state law based on the
29 individual's experience and credentials in another state.

30 (2) It is not the intent of the General Assembly to cause the
31 licensing entity to engage in simple comparisons of the required hours of
32 training and other personal qualifications under Arkansas's occupational
33 licensing statutes with those qualifications required in the state where the
34 individual is credentialed.

35 ~~(a)~~(b) As used in this section:

36 (1) "Individual" means a natural person, firm, association,

1 partnership, corporation, or other entity that may hold an occupational
2 licensure;

3 (2) "Occupational licensing entity" means an office, board,
4 commission, committee, department, council, bureau, or other agency of state
5 government having authority to license, certify, register, permit, or
6 otherwise authorize an individual to engage in a particular occupation or
7 profession; and

8 (3) "Occupational licensure" means a license, certificate,
9 registration, permit, or other form of authorization required by law or rule
10 that is required for an individual to engage in a particular occupation or
11 profession.

12 ~~(b)(c)~~ An occupational licensing entity shall by rule adopt the least
13 restrictive requirements for occupational licensure for an individual who:

14 (1) Demonstrates that he or she:

15 (A) Holds an occupational licensure that is substantially
16 similar to practice in the field of his or her occupation or profession in
17 another state, territory, or district of the United States;

18 (B) Holds his or her occupational licensure in good
19 standing;

20 (C) Has not had his or her occupational licensure revoked
21 for:

22 (i) An act of bad faith; or

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24 (D) Is not holding a suspended or probationary
25 occupational licensure in any state, territory, or district of the United
26 States; and

27 (E) Is sufficiently competent in his or her field; and

28 (2) Pays any occupational licensure fee required by law or rule.

29 ~~(e)(1)(A)(d)(1)(A)~~ An occupational licensing entity shall comply with
30 the requirements under subsection ~~(b)(c)~~ of this section by adopting the
31 least restrictive rule that allows for reciprocity or licensure by
32 endorsement.

33 (B) The rule adopted under subdivision ~~(e)(1)(A)(d)(1)(A)~~
34 of this section shall provide the procedure by which an occupational
35 licensing entity shall grant a temporary and provisional occupational
36 licensure for ninety (90) days or longer to an individual under subsection

1 ~~(b)~~(c) of this section if presented with evidence of a current and active
2 occupational licensure that is substantially similar to practice in the field
3 of his or her occupation or profession in another state, territory, or
4 district of the United States.

5 (2) If a state, territory, or district of the United States does
6 not require occupational licensure for a profession that requires
7 occupational licensure in this state, an occupational licensing entity shall
8 adopt a rule that is least restrictive to permit an individual who is
9 sufficiently competent in his or her field to obtain occupational licensure
10 for that occupation or profession in this state.

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12 state-specific education for an individual with an occupational licensure in
13 another state, territory, or district of the United States that does not
14 offer reciprocity similar to reciprocity under this section to individuals
15 with occupational licensure in this state.

16 ~~(d)~~(1)(e)(1) Except as provided under subdivision ~~(d)~~(1)(e)(2) of this
17 section, an occupational licensing entity shall not require an individual who
18 meets the requirements of subsection ~~(b)~~(c) of this section to participate in
19 the apprenticeship, education, or training required as a prerequisite to
20 occupational licensure of a new professional in the field.

21 (2) The occupational licensing entity may require the individual
22 to participate in continuing education or training if the continuing
23 education or training is required for all professionals in the field to
24 maintain the occupational licensure.

25 ~~(e)~~(f) If a criminal background check is required of an applicant for
26 an initial occupational licensure or of a ~~person~~ an individual currently
27 holding an occupational licensure, then the occupational licensing entity may
28 require a ~~person~~ an individual seeking his or her occupational licensure
29 under this section to meet the same criminal background check requirements as
30 the applicant for an initial occupational licensure or as the ~~person~~
31 individual currently holding an occupational licensure.

32 ~~(f)~~(g) The occupational licensing entity may require the individual
33 applying for occupational licensure under this section to meet any bonding,
34 financial statement, or insurance requirements that are applicable to all
35 applicants.

36 ~~(g)~~(h) This section shall not apply to:

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4 17-93-414, 17-97-306, 17-99-304, 17-100-304, and 17-103-302; or

5 (2) The occupational licensing entities that administer the
6 reciprocity provisions under subdivision ~~(g)~~(~~l~~)(h)(l) of this section.

7 ~~(h)~~(i) An occupational licensing entity may enter into written
8 agreements with similar occupational licensing entities of another state,
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12 entities in this state.

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