

1 INTERIM STUDY PROPOSAL 2015-001

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3 REQUESTING THAT THE ARKANSAS LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL REFER TO THE
4 SENATE STATE AGENCIES COMMITTEE AN INTERIM STUDY TO EVALUATE THE
5 CURRENT OCCUPATIONAL LICENSING PRACTICES WITHIN EXISTING STATE
6 BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS AND THE FEASIBILITY OF CONSOLIDATING
7 EXISTING PRACTICES IN ORDER TO CREATE A SINGLE STATE LICENSING
8 AGENCY.

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10 WHEREAS, numerous occupations in the State of Arkansas require a
11 special license to engage in a given trade or profession; and

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13 WHEREAS, Arkansas currently delegates licensing procedures for a range
14 of occupations to various state boards and commissions; and

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16 WHEREAS, in order to promote efficient, comprehensive, and cost
17 effective occupational licensing procedures in the State of Arkansas, a
18 single state licensing agency should be created; and

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20 WHEREAS, the creation of a state licensing agency would streamline the
21 various occupational licensing requirements and result in greater
22 accessibility for those seeking licensure,

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24 NOW THEREFORE,

25 BE IT PROPOSED BY THE ARKANSAS LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL OF THE NINETIETH GENERAL
26 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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28 THAT the Arkansas Legislative Council refer to the Senate State
29 Agencies Committee an interim study to evaluate the current occupational
30 licensing practices within existing state boards and commissions and to
31 explore the feasibility of consolidating existing practices to create a
32 single state licensing agency.

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34 Respectfully submitted,

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36 Senator Jeremy Hutchinson

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