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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1796

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For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO AMEND OCCUPATIONAL CRIMINAL BACKGROUND
CHECKS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO AMEND OCCUPATIONAL CRIMINAL
BACKGROUND CHECKS.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 17-3-102(b)(1), concerning licensing
restrictions based on criminal records, is amended to read as follows:

(b)(1) If an individual has been convicted of a crime listed in
subsection (a) or subsection (e) of this section, a licensing entity may
waive disqualification or revocation of a license based on the conviction if
a request for a waiver is made by:

(A) An affected applicant for a license; or

(B) The individual holding a license subject to
revocation.

SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 17-3-102(e), concerning licensing
restrictions based on criminal records, is amended to read as follows:

(e) Due to the serious nature of the offenses, the following shall
result in ~~permanent~~ disqualification for licensure, regardless of the date of
conviction or the date on which probation or incarceration ends unless a
waiver is granted under subsection (b) of this section:

(1) Capital murder as prohibited in § 5-10-101;



- 1 (2) Murder in the first degree as prohibited in § 5-10-102 and
2 murder in the second degree as prohibited in § 5-10-103;
3 (3) Kidnapping as prohibited in § 5-11-102;
4 (4) Aggravated assault upon a law enforcement officer or an
5 employee of a correctional facility as prohibited in § 5-13-211, if a Class Y
6 felony;
7 (5) Rape as prohibited in § 5-14-103;
8 (6) Sexual extortion as prohibited in § 5-14-113;
9 (7) Sexual assault in the first degree as prohibited in § 5-14-
10 124 and sexual assault in the second degree as prohibited in § 5-14-125;
11 (8) Incest as prohibited in § 5-26-202;
12 (9) Endangering the welfare of an incompetent person in the
13 first degree as prohibited in § 5-27-201;
14 (10) Endangering the welfare of a minor in the first degree as
15 prohibited in § 5-27-205;
16 (11) Adult abuse that constitutes a felony as prohibited in § 5-
17 28-103; and
18 (12) Arson as prohibited in § 5-38-301.

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20 SECTION 3. Arkansas Code § 17-3-102(g), concerning licensing
21 restrictions based on criminal records, is amended to read as follows:

22 (g) The ~~permanent~~ disqualification for an offense listed in subsection
23 (a) or subsection (e) of this section does not apply to an individual who
24 holds a valid license on July 24, 2019.