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SENATE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR

SENATE BILL NO. 988

99TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Reported from the Committee on Professional Registration, April 30, 2018, with recommendation that the Senate Committee Substitute do pass.

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ADRIANE D. CROUSE, Secretary.

AN ACT

To amend chapter 324, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to professional registration.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Chapter 324, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be known as section 324.004, to read as follows:

324.004. 1. For the purposes of this section, the following terms shall mean:

(1) "Licensing", any required training, education, or fee to work in a specific profession;

(2) "Licensing authority", an agency, examining board, credentialing board, or other office with the authority to impose occupational fees or licensing requirements on any profession;

(3) "Low-income individuals", individuals whose household adjusted gross income is below one hundred thirty percent of the federal poverty line, or a higher threshold to be set by the executive branch department that oversees business regulation. This term shall also apply to any person enrolled in a state or federal public assistance program including, but not limited to, Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), Medicaid, and Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP);

(4) "Military families", any active duty service members and their spouses and honorably discharged veterans and their spouses. Surviving spouses of deceased service members who have not remarried are also included;

(5) "Occupational fee", a fee or tax on professionals or businesses

21 that is charged for the privilege of providing goods or services within
22 a certain jurisdiction;

23 (6) "Political subdivision", a city, town, village, or county;

24 (7) "Young workers", any applicants who are between the ages of
25 eighteen and twenty-five.

26 2. All state and political subdivision licensing authorities shall
27 waive all occupational fees and fees from licensing requirements, for
28 the first year of licensure, for low-income families, military families,
29 and young workers.

30 3. Individuals seeking a waiver of occupational fees and fees
31 from licensing requirements shall apply to the appropriate licensing
32 authority in a format prescribed by such licensing authority. The
33 licensing authority shall process such applications within thirty days
34 of receiving them.

35 4. The division of professional registration within the
36 department of insurance, financial institutions and professional
37 registration shall promulgate rules to implement this section. Any rule
38 or portion of a rule, as that term is defined in section 536.010, that is
39 created under the authority delegated in this section shall become
40 effective only if it complies with and is subject to all of the provisions
41 of chapter 536, and, if applicable, section 536.028. This section and
42 chapter 536 are nonseverable and if any of the powers vested with the
43 general assembly pursuant to chapter 536 to review, to delay the
44 effective date, or to disapprove and annul a rule are subsequently held
45 unconstitutional, then the grant of rulemaking authority and any rule
46 proposed or adopted after August 28, 2018, shall be invalid and void.

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