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SENATE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR

SENATE BILL NO. 88

102ND GENERAL ASSEMBLY

KRISTINA MARTIN, Secretary

AN ACT

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

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. Any person who has at least three years 2 of work experience in an occupation or profession in another state, the District of Columbia, or any combination of such 3 4 jurisdictions, and whose work experience involved the practice of an occupation or profession for which a license 5 is not required in the jurisdiction or jurisdictions in 6 7 which the person worked but is required in this state, may 8 submit an application for a one-time, nonrenewable one-year 9 temporary license in this state in the occupation or profession, along with proof of at least three years of work 10 11 experience in the occupation or profession, and a fee as set 12 by regulation of the oversight body, to the relevant 13 oversight body in this state. The oversight body shall make 14 a determination of qualification within forty-five days of receiving a completed application. As used in this section, 15 "oversight body" shall mean any board, department, agency, 16 or office of a jurisdiction that issues licenses. 17

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The oversight body may require an applicant to take 18 2. 19 and pass the profession-specific examination required for 20 licensure by those applying pursuant to the provisions of 21 the oversight body's statutory and regulatory authority. An 22 oversight body that administers an examination on the laws 23 of this state as part of its licensing application 24 requirements may require an applicant under this section to 25 take and pass an examination specific to the laws of this 26 state.

3. The oversight body shall not issue a one-time nonrenewable temporary license to any applicant described in subsection 1 of this section who has had any license in the relevant occupation or profession revoked by an oversight body outside of this state, who is currently under investigation, who has a complaint pending, or who is currently under disciplinary action.

34 4. The oversight body may require the applicant to
35 submit to federal and state fingerprint or other biometric
36 background checks.

37 5. Applicants for the one-time nonrenewable temporary
38 license shall be citizens of the United States and shall
39 submit legal proof of citizenship as part of the application.

40 6. The provisions of this section shall not apply to41 the following:

42 Any occupation whose oversight body has entered (1) 43 into a licensing compact with another state for the regulation of practice under the oversight body's 44 jurisdiction. The provisions of this section shall not be 45 46 construed to alter the authority granted by, or any 47 requirements promulgated pursuant to, any 48 interjurisdictional or interstate compacts adopted by this 49 state or any reciprocity agreements with other states, and

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50 whenever possible the provisions of this section shall be 51 interpreted so as to imply no conflict between it and any 52 compact or any reciprocity agreement with other states; or

53 (2) Any occupation set forth in subsection 6 of
54 section 290.257 or any electrical contractor licensed under
55 sections 324.900 to 324.945.

56 7. The one-time nonrenewable temporary license shall 57 expire after one year. Upon expiration, the oversight body 58 shall issue a permanent license to the individual in the 59 occupation for which he or she held the one-time, 60 nonrenewable temporary license, unless the individual is 61 currently under investigation, has a complaint pending, or 62 is currently under disciplinary action.

8. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, a license issued under this section shall be valid only in this state and shall not make a licensee eligible to be part of an interstate compact. An applicant who is licensed in another state pursuant to an interstate compact shall not be eligible for licensure by an oversight body under the provisions of this section.

9. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, a license issued under this section shall be valid only in this state and shall not make a licensee eligible to obtain a license by reciprocity in another state.

74 10. The division of professional registration may 75 promulgate rules to implement the provisions of this section. Any rule or portion of a rule, as that term is 76 77 defined in section 536.010, that is created under the authority delegated in this section shall become effective 78 79 only if it complies with and is subject to all of the 80 provisions of chapter 536 and, if applicable, section 81 536.028. This section and chapter 536 are nonseverable and

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82 if any of the powers vested with the general assembly 83 pursuant to chapter 536 to review, to delay the effective 84 date, or to disapprove and annul a rule are subsequently 85 held unconstitutional, then the grant of rulemaking 86 authority and any rule proposed or adopted after August 28, 87 2023, shall be invalid and void.

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