

# SENATE BILL NO. 361

102ND GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY SENATOR KOENIG.

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KRISTINA MARTIN, Secretary

## AN ACT

To amend chapter 324, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to exemptions from continuing education requirements for certain licensed professionals.

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

Section A. Chapter 324, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto  
2 one new section, to be known as section 324.018, to read as  
3 follows:

**324.018. 1. For the purposes of this section, the  
2 following terms shall mean:**

3 (1) "Continuing education requirement", a licensee's  
4 obligation to complete training or educational activities to  
5 satisfy the standards of the licensing authority in order to  
6 renew or maintain a license;

7 (2) "License", a license, certificate, registration,  
8 permit, or accreditation that enables a person to legally  
9 practice an occupation, profession, or activity in the state;

10 (3) "Licensing authority", an agency, examining board,  
11 credentialing board, or other office of the state with the  
12 authority to impose occupational fees or licensing  
13 requirements on any profession. For purposes of the  
14 provisions of this section, the term "licensing authority"  
15 shall not include the state board of education's licensure  
16 of teachers pursuant to chapter 168, the Missouri state  
17 board of accountant's licensure of accountants pursuant to  
18 chapter 326, the board of podiatric medicine's licensure of

19 podiatrists pursuant to chapter 330, the Missouri dental  
20 board's licensure of dentists pursuant to chapter 332, the  
21 state board of registration for the healing art's licensure  
22 of physicians and surgeons pursuant to chapter 334, the  
23 Missouri state board of nursing's licensure of nurses  
24 pursuant to chapter 335, the board of pharmacy's licensure  
25 of pharmacists pursuant to chapter 338, the Missouri real  
26 estate commission's licensure of real estate brokers, real  
27 estate salespersons, real estate broker-salespersons, real  
28 estate appraisers, or real estate appraisal management  
29 companies pursuant to sections 339.010 to 339.549, the  
30 Missouri veterinary medical board's licensure of  
31 veterinarians pursuant to chapter 340, the Missouri director  
32 of finance appointed pursuant to chapter 361, or the peace  
33 officer standards and training commission's licensure of  
34 peace officers or other law enforcement personnel pursuant  
35 to chapter 590;

36 (4) "Reporting period", a period of time in which a  
37 licensing authority requires a licensee to certify  
38 compliance with a continuing education requirement in order  
39 to renew or maintain a license.

40 2. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the  
41 contrary, a licensing authority shall issue an exemption to  
42 a licensee from a continuing education requirement for a  
43 reporting period, if the licensee:

44 (1) Holds a current valid license; and

45 (2) Self-certifies to having actively participated in  
46 the practice of the licensed occupation for no less than one  
47 thousand hours every twelve months during the applicable  
48 reporting period.

49 3. A licensee seeking an exemption described under  
50 subsection 2 of this section shall apply to the appropriate

51 licensing authority in a format prescribed by the licensing  
52 authority. The licensing authority shall approve or deny  
53 the application for exemption within thirty days of receipt.

54 4. A licensing authority shall post a permanent and  
55 conspicuous notice of the exemption described under  
56 subsection 2 of this section on the website maintained by  
57 the relevant licensing authority.

58 5. Nothing in this section shall be construed to  
59 relieve a licensee from obtaining any continuing education  
60 requirement that is necessary for the licensee to comply  
61 with any provision of federal law.

62 6. The provisions of this section shall not apply to  
63 any person or entity whose licensure is subject to the  
64 provisions of an interstate compact that has been adopted by  
65 this state and codified in state statute.

66 7. A licensing authority shall promulgate any  
67 necessary rules to implement this section. Any rule or  
68 portion of a rule, as that term is defined in section  
69 536.010, that is created under the authority delegated in  
70 this section shall become effective only if it complies with  
71 and is subject to all of the provisions of chapter 536 and,  
72 if applicable, section 536.028. This section and chapter  
73 536 are nonseverable and if any of the powers vested with  
74 the general assembly pursuant to chapter 536 to review, to  
75 delay the effective date, or to disapprove and annul a rule  
76 are subsequently held unconstitutional, then the grant of  
77 rulemaking authority and any rule proposed or adopted after  
78 August 28, 2023, shall be invalid and void.

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