

SENATE SUBSTITUTE

FOR

SENATE BILL NO. 61

AN ACT

To repeal section 324.009, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof two new sections relating to reciprocity for professional licensing.

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

Section A. Section 324.009, RSMo, is repealed and two new
2 sections enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as sections
3 324.004 and 324.009, 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
3 state, the District of Columbia, or any combination of such
4 jurisdictions, and whose work experience involved the
5 practice of an occupation or profession for which a license
6 is not required in the jurisdiction or jurisdictions in
7 which the person worked but is required in this state, may
8 submit an application for a one-time nonrenewable two-year
9 temporary license in this state in the occupation or
10 profession, along with proof of at least three years of work
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
15 receiving a completed application.

16 2. The oversight body shall require an applicant under
17 this section to take and pass the examination specific to
18 the occupation or profession which is required for licensure
19 by those individuals applying pursuant to the provisions of
20 the oversight body's statutory and regulatory authority. An
21 oversight body that administers an examination on the laws

22 of this state as part of its licensing application
23 requirements may require an applicant under this section to
24 take and pass an examination specific to the laws of this
25 state.

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

33 4. Applicants for the one-time nonrenewable temporary
34 license shall be citizens of the United States and shall
35 submit legal proof of citizenship as part of the application.

36 5. If an applicant is not currently residing in this
37 state, the oversight board shall conditionally approve the
38 application contingent upon receipt of proof of domicile in
39 this state within ninety days of the applicant receiving the
40 temporary license. If the applicant fails to provide proof
41 within ninety days of receiving the temporary license, the
42 oversight board may terminate the temporary license and the
43 applicant may reapply for a temporary license.

44 6. The provisions of this section shall not apply to
45 the following:

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

55 interpreted so as to imply no conflict between it and any
56 compact or any reciprocity agreement with other states;

57 (2) Any occupation set forth in subsection 6 of
58 section 290.257 or any electrical contractor licensed under
59 sections 324.900 to 324.945;

60 (3) Any occupation whose regulators or licensees are
61 required to comply with specific federal statutory,
62 regulatory, and administrative requirements in order to
63 practice in this state; or

64 (4) Assistant physicians licensed under chapter 334.

65 7. The one-time nonrenewable temporary license shall
66 expire after two years. Upon expiration, the individual
67 shall be required to apply for a permanent license in
68 accordance with the license requirements for the occupation
69 for which he or she held the temporary license.

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

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

81 10. As used in this section, the term "oversight body"
82 means any board, department, agency, or office of a
83 jurisdiction that issues occupational or professional
84 licenses.

85 11. The division of professional registration may
86 promulgate rules to implement the provisions of this
87 section. Any rule or portion of a rule, as that term is

88 defined in section 536.010, that is created under the
89 authority delegated in this section shall become effective
90 only if it complies with and is subject to all of the
91 provisions of chapter 536 and, if applicable, section
92 536.028. This section and chapter 536 are nonseverable and
93 if any of the powers vested with the general assembly
94 pursuant to chapter 536 to review, to delay the effective
95 date, or to disapprove and annul a rule are subsequently
96 held unconstitutional, then the grant of rulemaking
97 authority and any rule proposed or adopted after August 28,
98 2025, shall be invalid and void.

324.009. 1. For purposes of this section, the
2 following terms mean:

3 (1) "License", a license, certificate, registration,
4 permit, accreditation, or military occupational speciality
5 that enables a person to legally practice an occupation or
6 profession in a particular jurisdiction;

7 (2) "Military", the Armed Forces of the United States
8 including the Air Force, Army, Coast Guard, Marine Corps,
9 Navy, Space Force, National Guard and any other military
10 branch that is designated by Congress as part of the Armed
11 Forces of the United States, and all reserve components and
12 auxiliaries. Such term also includes the military reserves
13 and militia of any United States territory or state;

14 (3) "Missouri law enforcement officer", any person
15 employed by or otherwise serving in a position for the state
16 or a local governmental entity in the state of Missouri as a
17 police officer, peace officer certified under chapter 590,
18 auxiliary police officer, sheriff, sheriff's deputy, member
19 of the patrol as that term is defined in section 43.010, or
20 in some like position involving the enforcement of the law
21 and protection of the public interest at the risk of that

22 person's life and who is a permanent resident of the state
23 of Missouri or who is domiciled in the state of Missouri;

24 (4) "Nonresident military or law enforcement
25 spouse" [REDACTED]:

26 (a) A nonresident spouse of an active duty member of
27 the Armed Forces of the United States who has been
28 transferred or is scheduled to be transferred to the state
29 of Missouri, or who has been transferred or is scheduled to
30 be transferred to an adjacent state and is or will be
31 domiciled in the state of Missouri, or has moved to the
32 state of Missouri on a permanent change-of-station basis; or

33 (b) A nonresident spouse of a person residing outside
34 the state of Missouri who has accepted an offer of
35 employment with the state or a local governmental entity in
36 the state of Missouri and who will become a Missouri law
37 enforcement officer upon the commencement of such employment;

38 [REDACTED] (5) "Oversight body", any board, department,
39 agency, or office of a jurisdiction that issues licenses;

40 [REDACTED] (6) "Resident military or law enforcement
41 spouse", a spouse of an active duty member of the Armed
42 Forces of the United States who has been transferred or is
43 scheduled to be transferred to the state of Missouri or an
44 adjacent state and who is a permanent resident of the state
45 of Missouri, who is domiciled in the state of Missouri, or
46 who has Missouri as his or her home of record, or a spouse
47 of a Missouri law enforcement officer.

48 2. Any person who holds a valid current license issued
49 by another state, a branch or unit of the military, a
50 territory of the United States, or the District of Columbia,
51 and who has been licensed for at least one year in such
52 other jurisdiction, may submit an application for a license
53 in Missouri in the same occupation or profession, and at the
54 same practice level, for which he or she holds the current

license, along with proof of current licensure and proof of licensure for at least one year in the other jurisdiction, to the relevant oversight body in this state.

3. The oversight body in this state shall:

(1) Within six months of receiving an application described in subsection 2 of this section, waive any examination, educational, or experience requirements for licensure in this state for the applicant if it determines that there were minimum education requirements and, if applicable, work experience and clinical supervision requirements in effect and the other state verifies that the person met those requirements in order to be licensed or certified in that state. An oversight body that administers an examination on laws of this state as part of its licensing application requirement may require an applicant to take and pass an examination specific to the laws of this state; or

(2) Within thirty days of receiving an application described in subsection 2 of this section from a nonresident military or law enforcement spouse or a resident military or law enforcement spouse, waive any examination, educational, or experience requirements for licensure in this state for the applicant and issue such applicant a license under this section if such applicant otherwise meets the requirements of this section.

4. (1) The oversight body shall not waive any examination, educational, or experience requirements for any applicant who has had his or her license revoked by an oversight body outside the state; who is currently under investigation, who has a complaint pending, or who is currently under disciplinary action, except as provided in subdivision (2) of this subsection, with an oversight body outside the state; who does not hold a license in good

standing with an oversight body outside the state; who has a criminal record that would disqualify him or her for licensure in Missouri; or who does not hold a valid current license in the other jurisdiction on the date the oversight body receives his or her application under this section.

(2) If another jurisdiction has taken disciplinary action against an applicant, the oversight body shall determine if the cause for the action was corrected and the matter resolved. If the matter has not been resolved by that jurisdiction, the oversight body may deny a license until the matter is resolved.

5. Nothing in this section shall prohibit the oversight body from denying a license to an applicant under this section for any reason described in any section associated with the occupation or profession for which the applicant seeks a license.

6. Any person who is licensed under the provisions of this section shall be subject to the applicable oversight body's jurisdiction and all rules and regulations pertaining to the practice of the licensed occupation or profession in this state.

7. This section shall not be construed to waive any requirement for an applicant to pay any fees, post any bonds or surety bonds, or submit proof of insurance associated with the license the applicant seeks.

8. This section shall not apply to business, professional, or occupational licenses issued or required by political subdivisions.

9. The provisions of this section shall not impede an oversight body's authority to require an applicant to submit fingerprints as part of the application process.

10. [The provisions of this section shall not apply to an oversight body that has entered into a licensing compact

121 with another state for the regulation of practice under the
122 oversight body's jurisdiction.] The provisions of this
123 section shall not be construed to alter the authority
124 granted by, or any requirements promulgated pursuant to, any
125 interjurisdictional or interstate compacts adopted by
126 Missouri statute or any reciprocity agreements with other
127 states in effect [on August 28, 2018], and whenever possible
128 this section shall be interpreted so as to imply no conflict
129 between it and any compact, or any reciprocity agreements
130 with other states in effect [on August 28, 2018].

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

138 12. The provisions of this section shall not apply to
139 any occupation set forth in subsection 6 of section 290.257,
140 or any electrical contractor licensed under sections 324.900
141 to 324.945.