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103RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY SENATOR BROWN (26).

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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
2 one new section, to be known as section 324.004, to read as
3 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 profession-specific
18 examination required for licensure by those applying
19 pursuant to the provisions of the oversight body's statutory

20 and regulatory authority. An oversight body that
21 administers an examination on the laws of this state as part
22 of its licensing application requirements may require an
23 applicant under this section to take and pass an examination
24 specific to the laws of this state.

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

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

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

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

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

52 state or any reciprocity agreements with other states, and
53 whenever possible the provisions of this section shall be
54 interpreted so as to imply no conflict between it and any
55 compact or any reciprocity agreement with other states;

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

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

63 (4) Assistant physicians licensed under chapter 334.

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

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

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

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

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

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