

Senate Bill 656

Sponsored by Senator THATCHER

SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure **as introduced**.

Requires professional licensing board to consider experience in lieu of high school diploma or equivalent for licensure, certification or other authorization to provide certain occupational or professional services.

Becomes operative January 1, 2020.

Takes effect on 91st day following adjournment sine die.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to educational requirements of professional licensing boards; amending ORS 670.030; and
3 prescribing an effective date.

4 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

5 **SECTION 1.** ORS 670.030 is amended to read:

6 670.030. (1) As used in this section:

7 (a) "Occupational or professional service" means a service:

8 (A) That an individual must possess a license, certificate or other form of authorization to pro-
9 vide under the laws of this state; and

10 (B) Over which a professional licensing board has regulatory oversight.

11 (b) "Professional licensing board" means a state agency or board that licenses, certifies or oth-
12 erwise authorizes individuals to provide an occupational or professional service.

13 (2) A professional licensing board that regulates an occupational or professional service and that
14 requires up to a high school diploma or equivalent for licensure, certification or other authorization
15 to provide the occupational or professional service [*may*] **shall** consider an applicant's relevant ex-
16 perience in lieu of the required education.

17 (3) A professional licensing board may adopt rules to carry out the provisions of this section.

18 **SECTION 2.** (1) **The amendments to ORS 670.030 by section 1 of this 2019 Act become**
19 **operative on January 1, 2020.**

20 (2) **A professional licensing board may take any action before the operative date specified**
21 **in subsection (1) of this section that is necessary to enable the board to exercise, on and**
22 **after the operative date specified in subsection (1) of this section, all of the duties, functions**
23 **and powers conferred on the board by the amendments to ORS 670.030 by section 1 of this**
24 **2019 Act.**

25 **SECTION 3.** **This 2019 Act takes effect on the 91st day after the date on which the 2019**
26 **regular session of the Eightieth Legislative Assembly adjourns sine die.**

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NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter [*italic and bracketed*] is existing law to be omitted.
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