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Senate Bill 855

Ordered by the Senate April 26
Including Senate Amendments dated April 26

Sponsored by Senator DEMBROW; Senators MANNING JR, STEINER HAYWARD, Representatives HERNANDEZ, PILUSO

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.

Directs professional licensing boards to develop pathways to licensure, certification or other authorization to practice occupation or profession for specified persons. Directs boards to reduce barriers to authorization to practice for immigrants or refugees. Requires boards to report to Legislative Assembly not later than November 30, 2019.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to professional practice authorizations; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. (1) As used in this section:

(a) “Occupational or professional service” means a service:

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

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

(b) “Professional licensing board” means a state agency or board that licenses, certifies or otherwise authorizes individuals to provide an occupational or professional service.

(2) Each professional licensing board shall study the manner in which persons who are immigrants or refugees become authorized to practice occupation or profession. Directs boards to reduce barriers to authorization to practice for immigrants or refugees. Requires boards to report to Legislative Assembly not later than November 30, 2019.

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

SECTION 2. A professional licensing board, as defined in section 1 of this 2019 Act, shall report to the Legislative Assembly in the manner provided in ORS 192.245 on the professional licensing board's progress in meeting the requirements of section 1 of this 2019 Act not later than November 30, 2019.

SECTION 3. (1) Section 1 of this 2019 Act becomes operative on July 1, 2020.

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

SECTION 4. This 2019 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2019 Act takes effect on its passage.