

**A-Engrossed**  
**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.*] **study 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.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

**A BILL FOR AN ACT**

1  
2 Relating to professional practice authorizations; and declaring an emergency.

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

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

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

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

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

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

11 (2) **Each professional licensing board shall study the manner in which persons who are**  
12 **immigrants or refugees become licensed, certified or otherwise authorized in the occupa-**  
13 **tional or professional service regulated by the professional licensing board. Each professional**  
14 **licensing board shall develop and implement methods to reduce barriers to licensure, certi-**  
15 **fication or other authorization for applicants who may be immigrants or refugees.**

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

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

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

23 (2) **A professional licensing board may take any action before the operative date specified**  
24 **in subsection (1) of this section that is necessary to enable the board to exercise, on and**  
25 **after the operative date specified in subsection (1) of this section, all of the duties, functions**

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

1 and powers conferred on the board by section 1 of this 2019 Act.

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

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