House Bill 4059

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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 boards to consider homeschool diploma to be equivalent to high school diploma for purposes of licensure, certification or other authorization needed to provide occupational or professional service.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to high school diploma requirements for professional licensure; and declaring an emergency.

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

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

(a) “High school diploma” means a high school diploma or a modified diploma issued to an individual by a school district, a public charter school, an education service district, a community college or a similar entity upon completion of grade 12 or the requirements prescribed by ORS 329.451.

(b) “Homeschool diploma” means a diploma issued to an individual who was educated in the individual’s home by the parent or legal guardian of the individual upon completion of grade 12.

(c) “Occupational or professional service” means a service that may be provided in this state only by individuals who possesses a license, a certificate or another form of authorization to perform the service.

(d) “Professional licensing board” means a state agency or board that:

(A) Has regulatory oversight over an occupational or professional service; and

(B) Issues licenses, certificates or other forms of authorization to individuals to authorize the individuals to provide an occupational or professional service.

(2) For the purpose of any minimum education requirements prescribed by a professional licensing board for a license, certificate or other form of authorization required to provide an occupational or professional service, a homeschool diploma shall be considered equivalent to a high school diploma.

SECTION 2. Section 1 of this 2020 Act applies to applications for licensure, certification or other authorization received by a professional licensing board on or after the operative date specified in section 3 of this 2020 Act.

SECTION 3. (1) Section 1 of this 2020 Act becomes operative on January 1, 2021.

(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 or after

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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 2020 Act.

SECTION 4. This 2020 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public
peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2020 Act takes effect
on its passage.

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