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## SUMMARY

Digest: Tells health care boards to give short-term permission to work. Starts January 1, 2025. (Flesch Readability Score: 60.7).

Requires health professional regulatory boards to issue a temporary authorization to practice a health profession to eligible applicants within 10 days of receiving an application for licensure. Defines “health profession” and “health professional regulatory board.”

Takes effect on the 91st day following adjournment sine die.

## A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to health care licensing; and prescribing an effective date.

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

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

**(a) “Health profession” means a health care service:**

**(A) For which an individual must possess a license to provide the health care service; and**

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

**(b) “Health professional regulatory board” means a state agency that licenses individuals to provide a health care service to clients or patients that are humans.**

**(2) A health professional regulatory board shall, within 10 days of receiving an application for licensure, issue to the applicant a temporary authorization to practice the health profession regulated by the health professional regulatory board if the applicant:**

**(a) Holds a current authorization to practice the health profession issued by another state and the health professional regulatory board**

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determines that the other state's authorization requirements are substantially similar to or exceed those of the health professional regulatory board;

(b) Provides to the health professional regulatory board, in a manner determined by the health professional regulatory board, sufficient proof that the applicant is in good standing with the issuing out-of-state entity;

(c) Has demonstrated competency, as determined by the health professional regulatory board by rule, over the health profession regulated by the health professional regulatory board;

(d) Agrees to complete within one year of the date the health professional regulatory board receives the application any applicable continuing education requirements; and

(e) Resides, or adequately demonstrates an intent to reside, in this state.

(3) A temporary authorization issued under subsection (2) of this section is valid until the earlier of the following dates:

(a) One year from the date of issuance; or

(b) The date on which the applicant receives the license for which the applicant applied to the health professional regulatory board.

**SECTION 2.** (1) Section 1 of this 2024 Act becomes operative on January 1, 2025.

(2) A health professional regulatory board may take any action before the operative date specified in subsection (1) of this section that is necessary to enable the health professional regulatory board to exercise, on or after the operative date specified in subsection (1) of this section, all of the duties, functions and powers conferred on the health professional regulatory board by section 1 of this 2024 Act.

**SECTION 3.** This 2024 Act takes effect on the 91st day after the date on which the 2024 regular session of the Eighty-second Legislative Assembly adjourns sine die.

