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Senate Bill 855

Sponsored by Senator DEMBROW; Senators MANNING JR, STEINER HAYWARD, Representatives HERNANDEZ, KENY-GUYER, PILUSO, SOLLMAN, WILLIAMSON

CHAPTER

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 licensed, certified or otherwise authorized in the occupational or professional service regulated by the professional licensing board. Each professional licensing board shall develop and implement methods to reduce barriers to licensure, certification or other authorization for applicants who may be immigrants or refugees.

(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.

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Lori L. Brocker, Secretary of Senate

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Peter Courtney, President of Senate

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