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D. ADAM CRUMBLISS, Chief Clerk

AN ACT

To amend chapter 324, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to professional registration.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Chapter 324, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be known as section 324.009, to read as follows:

324.009. 1. For purposes of this section, the following terms mean:

- 2 (1) "License", a license, certificate, registration, permit, or accreditation that 3 enables a person to legally practice an occupation, profession, or activity in a particular 4 jurisdiction;
- 5 (2) "Oversight body", any board, department, agency, or office of a jurisdiction 6 that issues licenses.
 - 2. Notwithstanding any other provision of law relating to professional license reciprocity, any resident of Missouri who holds a valid current license issued by another state, territory of the United States, or the District of Columbia may submit an application for a license in Missouri in the same profession, occupation, or activity for which he or she holds the current license, along with proof of current licensure in the other jurisdiction, to the relevant oversight body in this state.
 - 3. The oversight body in this state shall, within six months of receiving an application described in subsection 2 of this section, waive any examination, educational, or experience requirements for licensure in this state for the applicant if it determines that the licensing requirements in the jurisdiction that issued the applicant's license are

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17 substantially similar to or more stringent than the licensing requirements in Missouri for the same occupation, profession, or activity. 18

- 4. The oversight body shall not waive any examination, educational, or experience requirements for any applicant who is currently under disciplinary action with an oversight body outside the state or who does not hold a valid current license in the other jurisdiction on the date the oversight body receives his or her application under this section.
- 5. The oversight body shall not waive any examination, educational, or experience requirements for any applicant if it determines that waiving the requirements for the applicant may endanger the public health, safety, or welfare.
- 6. Nothing in this section shall prohibit the oversight body from denying a license to an applicant under this section for any reason described in any section associated with the occupation, profession, or activity for which the applicant seeks a license.
- 7. This section shall not be construed to waive any requirement for an applicant to pay any fees, post any bonds or surety bonds, or submit proof of insurance associated with the license the applicant seeks.
- 8. This section shall not apply to business, professional, or occupational licenses 34 issued or required by political subdivisions.