

HB 1587 -- RELATING TO PROFESSIONAL REGISTRATION

SPONSOR: Helms

This bill prevents any political subdivision from adopting any new occupational fees or licensing requirements. A political subdivision cannot collect more than \$25 from one individual under any existing occupational fee requirement. The bill also prevents any political subdivision from imposing any licensing requirements for an occupation or profession already regulated by the state.

This bill requires all state and local licensing boards or entities to waive, for up to two years, any fees charged to obtain or renew occupational licenses for military families and low-income individuals.

This bill requires all licensing authorities to publish a list of criminal offenses for which the authority would deny licensure. To be included a criminal offense must directly relate to the duties and responsibilities of the licensed occupation or profession.