

House _____ Amendment NO. _____

Offered By

1 AMEND House Committee Substitute for House Bill No. 916, Page 4, Section 221.523, Line 20, by
2 inserting after all of said section and line the following:

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4 "324.1173. 1. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, for purposes of
5 obtaining a professional or occupational license, a person has demonstrated lawful presence and is
6 eligible to obtain a professional or occupational license if the person submits:

7 (1) An unexpired employment authorization document issued by the United States
8 Department of Homeland Security, Form I-766; and

9 (2) Documentation issued by the United States Department of Homeland Security, the
10 United States Citizenship and Immigration Services, or any other federal agency, including a Form
11 I-797 used by the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services, demonstrating that such
12 person is described in Section 202(c)(2)(B)(i) through (ix) of the federal REAL ID Act of 2005, P.L.
13 109-13.

14 2. A professional or occupational license issued to a person eligible pursuant to subsection 1
15 of this section shall be valid only for the period of time during which such person's employment
16 authorization document is valid.

17 3. Nothing in this section shall affect the requirements to obtain a professional or
18 occupational license that are unrelated to the lawful presence requirements demonstrated pursuant to
19 this section.

20 4. Nothing in this section shall be construed to grant eligibility for any public benefits other
21 than obtaining a professional or occupational license.

22 5. Any person who has complied with the requirements of this section shall have his or her
23 employment authorization document verified through the Systematic Alien Verification for
24 Entitlements Program operated by the United States Department of Homeland Security or an
25 equivalent program designated by the United States Department of Homeland Security.

26 6. The general assembly enacts this section pursuant to the authority provided in 8 U.S.C. Section
27 1621(d), as such section existed on August 28, 2025."; and

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29 Further amend said bill by amending the title, enacting clause, and intersectional references
30 accordingly.

Action Taken _____ Date _____