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# HOUSE BILL NO. 811

103RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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JOSEPH ENGLER, Chief Clerk

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## AN ACT

To amend chapter 324, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to the issuance of professional licenses to recipients of the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program.

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*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  
2 known as section 324.1175, to read as follows:

**324.1175. 1. As used in this section, the following terms mean:**

2 **(1) "DACA recipient", any individual who is protected from deportation under**  
3 **the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program and who holds a valid**  
4 **work authorization under the program;**

5 **(2) "License", a license, certificate, registration, permit, or accreditation that**  
6 **enables a person to legally practice an occupation or profession in this state;**

7 **(3) "Oversight body", any board, department, agency, or office of this state that**  
8 **issues licenses.**

9 **2. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, any DACA recipient who has met**  
10 **all educational and professional requirements for a particular occupation or profession**  
11 **for which a license is required in this state shall be eligible for licensure in that**  
12 **occupation or profession on the same basis as a United States citizen or legal permanent**  
13 **resident.**

14 **3. All oversight bodies shall consider license applications from DACA recipients**  
15 **without regard to citizenship or immigration status.**

EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets ~~thus~~ in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.

16           **4. License applications from DACA recipients shall be evaluated based solely on**  
17 **qualifications, education, and professional competency. DACA recipients shall not be**  
18 **subject to additional or separate requirements beyond those imposed on United States**  
19 **citizens or legal permanent residents.**

20           **5. DACA recipients granted licenses in accordance with the provisions of this**  
21 **section shall have all the same rights, responsibilities, and protections in their respective**  
22 **fields as any other licensees.**

23           **6. Any license granted in accordance with the provisions of this section shall be**  
24 **renewable and valid for the same period as a license issued to a United States citizen or**  
25 **legal permanent resident, provided that the licensee maintains valid work authorization.**

26           **7. The provisions of this section shall apply to all license applications submitted**  
27 **on or after August 28, 2025.**

28           **8. The department of commerce and insurance, in conjunction with oversight**  
29 **bodies, shall promulgate rules to implement the provisions of this section. Any rule or**  
30 **portion of a rule, as that term is defined in section 536.010, that is created under the**  
31 **authority delegated in this section shall become effective only if it complies with and is**  
32 **subject to all of the provisions of chapter 536 and, if applicable, section 536.028. This**  
33 **section and chapter 536 are nonseverable and if any of the powers vested with the**  
34 **general assembly pursuant to chapter 536 to review, to delay the effective date, or to**  
35 **disapprove and annul a rule are subsequently held unconstitutional, then the grant of**  
36 **rulemaking authority and any rule proposed or adopted after August 28, 2025, shall be**  
37 **invalid and void.**

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