

House _____ Amendment NO. _____

Offered By

1 AMEND House Committee Substitute for House Bill No. 1797, Page 1, Section A, Line 4, by
2 inserting after said section and line the following:

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4 "324.1175. 1. As used in this section, the following terms mean:

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

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

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

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

16 3. All oversight bodies shall consider license applications from DACA recipients
17 without regard to citizenship or immigration status.

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

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

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

28 7. The provisions of this section shall apply to all license applications submitted on or
29 after August 28, 2026.

Action Taken _____ Date _____

1 8. The department of commerce and insurance, in conjunction with oversight bodies,
2 shall promulgate rules to implement the provisions of this section. Any rule or portion of a rule,
3 as that term is defined in section 536.010, that is created under the authority delegated in this
4 section shall become effective only if it complies with and is subject to all of the provisions of
5 chapter 536 and, if applicable, section 536.028. This section and chapter 536 are nonseverable
6 and if any of the powers vested with the general assembly pursuant to chapter 536 to review, to
7 delay the effective date, or to disapprove and annul a rule are subsequently held unconstitutional,
8 then the grant of rulemaking authority and any rule proposed or adopted after August 28, 2026,
9 shall be invalid and void."; and

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