

State of Arkansas  
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# A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1735

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By: Senator Hester

## For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE OCCUPATIONAL OR PROFESSIONAL  
LICENSURE FOR CERTAIN INDIVIDUALS; AND FOR OTHER  
PURPOSES.

### Subtitle

TO AUTHORIZE OCCUPATIONAL OR PROFESSIONAL  
LICENSURE FOR CERTAIN INDIVIDUALS.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 17, Chapter 1, Subchapter 1, is amended to add an additional section to read as follows:

17-1-109. Licensing of certain individuals – Definitions.

(a) As used in this section:

(1) "Occupational or professional license" means a license, certificate, registration, permit, or other form of authorization required by law or rule for an individual to engage in a particular occupation or profession; and

(2) "Occupational or professional licensing entity" means an office, board, commission, department, council, bureau, or other agency of state government having authority to license, certify, register, permit, or otherwise authorize an individual to engage in a particular occupation or profession.

(b) An occupational or professional licensing entity shall grant an occupational or professional license under this section to an individual who fulfills the requirements to practice an occupation or profession in this



state and is a person who holds a Federal Form I-766 United States Citizenship and Immigration Services-issued Employment Authorization Document, known popularly as a "work permit".

(c) This section is a state law within the meaning of subsection (d) of 8 U.S.C. § 1621, as existing on January 1, 2021.

SECTION 2. DO NOT CODIFY. Rules implementing this act.

(a) All occupational or professional licensing entities shall promulgate rules necessary to implement this act.

(b)(1) When adopting the initial rules to implement this act, the final rule shall be filed with the Secretary of State for adoption under § 25-15-204(f):

(A) On or before January 1, 2022; or

(B) If approval under § 10-3-309 has not occurred by January 1, 2022, as soon as practicable after approval under § 10-3-309.

(2) An occupational or professional licensing entity shall file the proposed rule with the Legislative Council under § 10-3-309(c) sufficiently in advance of January 1, 2022, so that the Legislative Council may consider the rule for approval before January 1, 2022.

**APPROVED: 4/19/21**