

1 INTERIM STUDY PROPOSAL 2015-008

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3 REQUESTING THE JOINT PERFORMANCE REVIEW COMMITTEE STUDY THE
4 PROFESSIONAL LICENSING AGENCIES IN ARKANSAS, THE PROFESSIONAL
5 LICENSING STANDARDS, AND WHETHER THE NEED FOR THESE REGULATORY
6 ACTIVITIES EXISTS.

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8 WHEREAS, licensing standards and requirements for professions in this
9 state are unduly burdensome and excessive; and

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11 WHEREAS, many of the licensing regulations are unnecessary and
12 irrelevant to public health or safety; and

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14 WHEREAS, excessive regulation of private industry stalls economic
15 growth,

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17 BE IT PROPOSED BY THE JOINT PERFORMANCE REVIEW COMMITTEE OF THE NINETIETH
18 GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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20 THAT the Joint Performance Review Committee study the agencies, boards,
21 commissions, committees, and other regulatory entities of this state that set
22 professional standards and license and register the various professionals and
23 businesses of this state to ascertain whether:

24 (1) The agencies, boards, commissions, committees, and other
25 regulatory entities are necessary to serve a public peace, health, or safety
26 function;

27 (2) The rules and standards of the agencies, boards,
28 commissions, committees, and other regulatory entities are necessary to serve
29 a public health or safety function;

30 (3) The economic impact of regulation on small businesses and
31 the state economy by these agencies, boards, commissions, committees, and
32 other regulatory entities is beneficial to the public peace, health, and
33 safety of citizens of this state; and

34 (4) The continued existence of these agencies, boards,
35 commissions, committees, other regulatory entities and their rules and
36 standards is to the benefit or detriment of the state.

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