

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to present law.

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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1378

By: Representative Penzo

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE OCCUPATIONAL OR PROFESSIONAL
LICENSURE FOR INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE MIGRANTS FROM THE
COMPACT OF FREE ASSOCIATION ISLANDS; AND FOR OTHER
PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO AUTHORIZE OCCUPATIONAL OR PROFESSIONAL
LICENSURE FOR INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE
MIGRANTS FROM THE COMPACT OF FREE
ASSOCIATION ISLANDS.

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 migrants from the Compact of Free Association Islands – 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, in addition to fulfilling the requirements to practice an occupation or profession in this state, is a migrant from the Compact of Free Association islands.

(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.