

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

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A Bill

SENATE BILL 646

By: Senator C. Tucker

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING OCCUPATIONAL AND
CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECKS; TO PROHIBIT THE
DISQUALIFICATION OF AN OCCUPATIONAL LICENSE BASED ON
A PRIOR CONVICTION OF AN OFFENSE IN CERTAIN
CIRCUMSTANCES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

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AND CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECKS; AND TO
PROHIBIT THE DISQUALIFICATION OF AN
OCCUPATIONAL LICENSE BASED ON A PRIOR
CONVICTION OF AN OFFENSE IN CERTAIN
CIRCUMSTANCES

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 17, Chapter 3 is amended to add an
additional section to read as follows:

17-3-105. Prohibited disqualification from licensure.

An individual shall not be disqualified from pursuing, practicing, or
engaging in any occupation or profession for which licensure is required
solely or in part because of a prior conviction of a crime, unless the crime
for which the individual was convicted directly relates to the duties and
responsibilities of the occupation or profession.

