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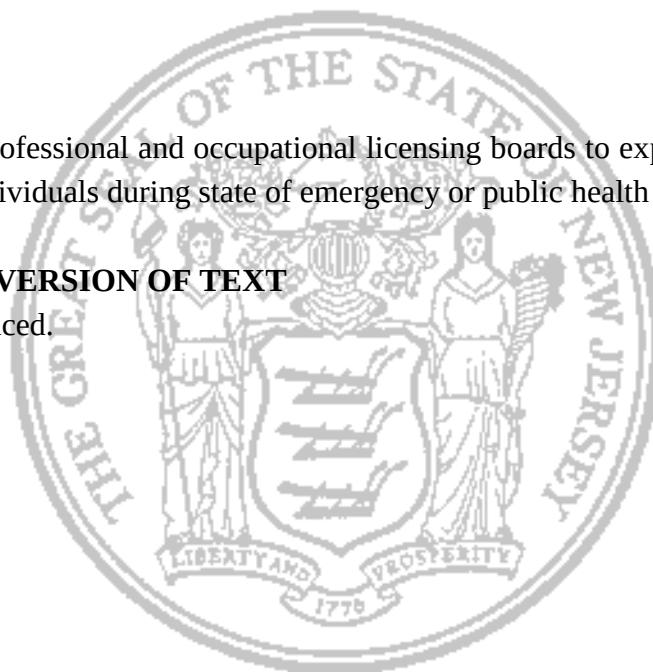
District 24 (Morris, Sussex and Warren)

SYNOPSIS

Permits professional and occupational licensing boards to expedite licensure of certain individuals during state of emergency or public health emergency.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 3/19/2020)

1 AN ACT concerning professional and occupational licenses, and
2 supplementing P.L.1999, c.403 (C.45:1-7.1 et seq.).
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4 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State
5 of New Jersey:
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7 1. Notwithstanding the provisions of any other law, during a
8 state of emergency declared by the Governor pursuant to
9 P.L.1942, c.251 (C.App.A:9-33 et seq.), or a public health
10 emergency declared by the Governor pursuant to P.L.2005, c.222
11 (C.26:13-1 et seq.), and with the approval of the Attorney General,
12 a professional or occupational licensing board within the Division
13 of Consumer Affairs in the Department of Law and Public Safety
14 or, with regard to any industry regulated by the division, the
15 director of the division, as applicable, may grant a license,
16 certificate of registration or certification on an expedited basis to
17 any individual who holds a corresponding license, certificate of
18 registration or certification, in good standing, in another state.
19 Notwithstanding the provisions of any other law to the contrary, and
20 to effectuate the purposes of this act, the board or director, as
21 applicable, may take additional action necessary to protect the
22 public health, safety and welfare, including but not limited to the
23 following:

24 a. Temporarily waive any requirements to undergo a criminal
25 history record background check as a condition of granting a
26 license, certificate of registration or certification by reciprocity
27 pursuant to this section;

28 b. Temporarily waive any requirement that licensure,
29 registration, or certification standards in another state be
30 substantially equivalent to the standards in this State as a condition
31 of granting a license, certificate of registration or certification by
32 reciprocity;

33 c. Temporarily waive any licensing, registration or certification
34 fees;

35 d. Temporarily waive any other requirements contained in
36 section 3 of P.L.2013, c.182 (C.45:1-7.5) or any other applicable
37 law;

38 e. Prescribe the duration and terms of any license, certificate of
39 registration or certification granted pursuant to this section; or

40 f. Require any individual granted a license, certificate of
41 registration or certification pursuant to this section to arrange and
42 agree to supervision by an individual holding a license, certificate
43 of registration or certification, in good standing, while practicing
44 the profession or occupation in this State.
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46 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

STATEMENT

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3 This bill allows the director of the Division of Consumer Affairs
4 in the Department of Law and Public Safety, with the approval of
5 the Attorney General, to expedite the professional and occupational
6 licensing process for out-of-state individuals when the New Jersey
7 Governor has declared a state of emergency. The individual
8 applying for a specific license, certificate of registration, or
9 certification in New Jersey must have a corresponding license,
10 certificate of registration or certification in good standing from
11 another jurisdiction. The bill gives the director and applicable
12 boards the ability to waive certain requirements normally required
13 in the licensure process, such as a criminal history record
14 background check of an individual and payment of certain fees for
15 the license, certificate of registration or certification.