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HOUSE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR

# HOUSE BILL NO. 1710

99TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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D. ADAM CRUMBLISS, Chief Clerk

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## AN ACT

To amend chapter 324, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to professional registration.

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*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:*

Section A. Chapter 324, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be known as section 324.009, to read as follows:

**324.009. 1. For purposes of this section, the following terms mean:**

(1) "License", a license, certificate, registration, permit, or accreditation that enables a person to legally practice an occupation, profession, or activity in a particular jurisdiction;

(2) "Oversight body", any board, department, agency, or office of a jurisdiction that issues licenses; except, for the purposes of this section only, oversight body shall not include the state board of registration for the healing arts, the state board of nursing, the board of pharmacy, the state committee of psychologists, or the Missouri dental board.

2. Notwithstanding any other provision of law relating to professional license reciprocity, any resident of Missouri who holds a valid current license issued by another state, territory of the United States, or the District of Columbia may submit an application for a license in Missouri in the same profession, occupation, or activity for which he or she holds the current license, along with proof of current licensure in the other jurisdiction, to the relevant oversight body in this state.

3. The oversight body in this state shall, within six months of receiving an application described in subsection 2 of this section, waive any examination, educational, or experience requirements for licensure in this state for the applicant if it determines that

EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in bold-face type in the above bill is proposed language.

18 the licensing requirements in the jurisdiction that issued the applicant's license are  
19 substantially similar to or more stringent than the licensing requirements in Missouri for  
20 the same occupation, profession, or activity; except that, once one applicant is approved  
21 for licensure based on a license issued in a particular state, territory of the United States,  
22 or the District of Columbia, any subsequent applications made to the same oversight body  
23 by any applicant seeking reciprocity who has a license for the same profession, occupation,  
24 or activity in the same state, territory of the United States, or the District of Columbia shall  
25 be promptly processed, unless the licensure requirements in that jurisdiction have changed  
26 since the oversight body's initial determination.

27 4. The oversight body shall not waive any examination, educational, or experience  
28 requirements for any applicant who is currently under disciplinary action with an  
29 oversight body outside the state or who does not hold a valid current license in the other  
30 jurisdiction on the date the oversight body receives his or her application under this  
31 section.

32 5. The oversight body shall not waive any examination, educational, or experience  
33 requirements for any applicant if it determines that waiving the requirements for the  
34 applicant may endanger the public health, safety, or welfare.

35 6. Nothing in this section shall prohibit the oversight body from denying a license  
36 to an applicant under this section for any reason described in any section associated with  
37 the occupation, profession, or activity for which the applicant seeks a license.

38 7. This section shall not be construed to waive any requirement for an applicant to  
39 pay any fees, post any bonds or surety bonds, or submit proof of insurance associated with  
40 the license the applicant seeks.

41 8. This section shall not apply to business, professional, or occupational licenses  
42 issued or required by political subdivisions.

43 9. The provisions of this section shall not be construed to alter the authority  
44 granted by, or any requirements promulgated pursuant to, any interjurisdictional or  
45 interstate compacts adopted by Missouri statute and whenever possible this section shall  
46 be interpreted so as to imply no conflict between it and any compact.

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