

SECOND REGULAR SESSION

# HOUSE BILL NO. 1261

99TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE SCHROER.

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D. ADAM CRUMBLISS, Chief Clerk

## AN ACT

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

*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 324.015, to read as follows:

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

- (1) "Licensing authority", any agency, examining board, credentialing board, or other office with the authority to impose occupational fees or licensing requirements on any occupation or profession;
- (2) "Licensing requirement", any required training, education, or fee to work in a specific occupation or profession;
- (3) "Low-income individual", any individual:
- (a) Whose household adjusted gross income is below one hundred thirty percent of the federal poverty line or a higher threshold to be set by the department of insurance, financial institutions and professional registration by rule; or
- (b) Who is enrolled in a state or federal public assistance program including, but not limited to, Temporary Assistance for Needy Families, the MO HealthNet program, or the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program;
- (4) "Military families", any active duty service members and their spouses and honorably discharged veterans and their spouses. The term "military families" includes surviving spouses of deceased service members who have not remarried;

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.

17           **(5) "Occupational fee", a fee or tax on professionals or businesses that is charged**  
18 **for the privilege of providing goods or services within a certain jurisdiction;**

19           **(6) "Political subdivision", any city, town, village, or county;**

20           **(7) "Young individual", any individual who is eighteen years of age or older and**  
21 **under twenty-five years of age.**

22           **2. All state and political subdivision licensing authorities shall waive all**  
23 **occupational fees and any other fees associated with licensing requirements for military**  
24 **families, low-income individuals, and young individuals.**

25           **3. Any individual seeking a waiver described under subsection 2 of this section shall**  
26 **apply to the appropriate licensing authority in a format prescribed by the licensing**  
27 **authority. The licensing authority shall approve or deny the application within thirty days**  
28 **of receipt.**

29           **4. The waiver described under subsection 2 of this section shall not apply to fees**  
30 **required to obtain business licenses.**

31           **5. State licensing authorities and the department of insurance, financial institutions**  
32 **and professional registration shall promulgate rules to implement the provisions of this**  
33 **section. Any rule or portion of a rule, as that term is defined in section 536.010, that is**  
34 **created under the authority delegated in this section shall become effective only if it**  
35 **complies with and is subject to all of the provisions of chapter 536 and, if applicable,**  
36 **section 536.028. This section and chapter 536 are nonseverable, and if any of the powers**  
37 **vested with the general assembly pursuant to chapter 536 to review, to delay the effective**  
38 **date, or to disapprove and annul a rule are subsequently held unconstitutional, then the**  
39 **grant of rulemaking authority and any rule proposed or adopted after August 28, 2018,**  
40 **shall be invalid and void.**

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