

SB 840 -- PROFESSIONAL REGISTRATION

LICENSURE RECIPROCITY

This bill requires certain oversight bodies, as defined in the bill, that issue professional licenses to grant a Missouri license to an applicant that holds a current, valid license issued by another state and waive any examination, educational, or experience requirements for licensure, if that state's licensure requirements are substantially similar to those of Missouri.

The oversight body shall not waive any examination, educational, or experience requirements for any applicant that is currently under disciplinary action in the other state, or if the oversight body determines that such applicant would endanger the public health, safety, or welfare of Missouri citizens.

The provisions of the bill shall not apply to business, professional, or occupational licenses issued or required by political subdivisions.

This bill shall not conflict with any interjurisdictional or interstate compact adopted by Missouri statute, as specified in the bill and shall not conflict with any reciprocity agreements with other states in effect on August 28, 2018.

Provisions of law relating to policies and procedures for issuing licenses and certificates for applicants who hold a valid license issued by another state or for establishing reciprocity agreements with other jurisdictions are repealed for certain occupations and professionals listed in the bill (Sections 256.462, 256.468, 324.009, 324.071, 324.215, 324.421, 324.487, 324.920, 324.1110, 328.085, 329.085, 329.130, 330.030, 331.030, 333.041, 333.042, 333.051, 337.510, 337.520, 337.615, 337.627, 337.644, 337.665, 337.727, 339.521, 339.523, 344.030, 345.050, 346.055, 374.735, 374.785, 643.228, 700.662, 701.312, and 701.314, RSMo).

DIETITIANS

This bill modifies the Dietitian Practice Act to update the terminology for the national organization name change from the American Dietetic Association to the "Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics." The bill also updates the accrediting agency name from the "Commission on Accreditation for Dietetics Education" to the "Accreditation Council for Education in Nutrition and Dietetics." The definitions for "medical nutrition therapy" and "registered dietitian" are modified by adding registered dietitian nutritionists to the definitions.

Additionally, any person who holds a license to practice dietetics may use the abbreviation L.D.N (Sections 324.205 and 324.210).