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The Honorable Ivy Spohnholz and the Honorable Zach Fields
Co-Chairs, House Labor and Commerce Committee
State Capitol Rooms 406 and 24
Juneau, AK 99801

Re: Follow-up to Licensure Processing Presentation on April 21, 2021

Dear Co-Chairs Spohnholz and Fields:

Thank you for the opportunity to present information about the professional licensing process to the House Labor and Commerce Committee on April 21, 2021. During the presentation, members requested additional detail on the following topics:

Rep. Schrage: Did license applications for non-healthcare professions decrease last year?

Not generally. Many non-healthcare programs saw impressive increases in registration, including barbers and hairdressers, big game commercial services guides and transporters, collection agencies, home inspectors, real estate appraisers, and underground storage tank workers—each of which witnessed an increase in more than 10% in FY2020. Many other non-healthcare programs saw single-digit increases.

Rep. McCarty: What percentage of applications were new in 2020?

15% of licenses (11,251) were new in FY2020. (We only calculate statistics by state fiscal year.) During the same period, the overall number of licenses increased by 4.78% (to 88,331), which is slightly higher growth than in previous years. This increase is primarily attributable to the spike in Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (PDMP) registrations, which is more closely linked to the relevant licensing boards' desire for improved compliance rather than to COVID-19.

Rep. Spohnholz: What licensing programs or boards were added in the last ten years?

The following programs/boards were added by the Alaska State Legislature, by effective date:

- 2011: Pawnbrokers
- 2015: Board of Massage Therapists
Athletic Trainers
Behavior Analysts
- 2017: Mandatory use of Prescription Drug Monitoring Program
Telemedicine Business Registry

Rep. Kaufman: What suggestions does the Administration have to scale back, eliminate, or remodel outdated licensing programs?

The division appreciates the representative's interest in professional licensing reform and looks forward to continued conversations on process improvement. To start, the Administration introduced sister bills HB 216 and SB 157 in 2020 as a "first pass" to accomplish several of these goals:

- Create a universal temporary licensure pathway to reduce delays for qualified individuals.
- Move regulation of dental radiological equipment to the Department of Health and Social Services.
- Add a "reasonable basis review" of applicants with criminal convictions.
- Correct collection agency statutes to align with federal law and equalizes the fees for in state and out-of-state collection agencies.
- Make administrative changes to hearing aid dealer license requirements.
- Eliminate a defunct credentialing association from home inspector licensing and clarifies renewal requirements.
- Eliminate outdated requirements for obtaining a speech-language pathology license.
- Eliminate vague requirement for the Board of Veterinary Examiners to collect data on the practice of veterinary technology.
- Repeal bond or cash deposit for certain businesses.
- Eliminate the Athletic Commission and regulation of boxing and wrestling.
- Eliminate regulation of geologists.
- Eliminate regulation of concert promoters.

Since the 31st Legislative Session, professional licensing boards have identified additional areas of need. In addition, Alaska will continue to suffer as a noncompetitive state if we do not seriously engage in a sound policy discussion on joining interstate licensing compacts.

We have attached the FY2020 professional licensing statistical report; further details are available on our division reports web page: <https://www.commerce.alaska.gov/web/cbpl/DivisionReports.aspx>.

If you would like any additional information, please let me know.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Sara Chambers". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Sara" being more prominent than the last name "Chambers".

Sara Chambers
Division Director

CC: Glenn Hoskinson, Legislative Liaison, Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development

FY20 Professional Licensing Statistics

Program	Count of License #	New Issue	% of total License	FY19 Count of Total License	% Increase/Decrease
Acupuncture Total	123	1	0.14%	136	-10%
Architects, Engineers and Land Surveyors Total	7488	233	8.48%	7331	2%
Athletic Trainers Total	54	9	0.06%	45	20%
Audiologists and Hearing Aid Dealers Total	131	9	0.15%	144	-9%
Barbers and Hairdressers Total	7460	909	8.45%	6782	10%
Behavior Analysts Total	74	17	0.08%	62	19%
Big Game Guides and Transporters Total	1624	125	1.84%	1332	22%
Chiropractic Total	343	15	0.39%	361	-5%
Collection Agencies Total	832	80	0.94%	721	15%
Concert Promoters Total	17	3	0.02%	28	-39%
Construction Contractors Total	8902	809	10.08%	8594	4%
Dental Total	5089	144	5.76%	5235	-3%
Dietitians Total	316	29	0.36%	285	11%
Direct Entry Midwives Total	51	3	0.06%	55	-7%
Dispensing Opticians Total	107	17	0.12%	119	-10%
Electrical Administrators Total	991	31	1.12%	955	4%
Euthanizing Domestic Animals Total	11	0	0.01%	14	-21%
Geology Total**	802	9	0.91%	794	1%
Guardians and Conservators Total	14	2	0.02%	14	0%
Home Inspectors Total	111	11	0.13%	94	18%
Marine Pilots Total	124	27	0.14%	132	-6%
Marital and Family Therapy Total	101	25	0.11%	102	-1%
Massage Therapists Total	1382	103	1.56%	1277	8%
Mechanical Administrators Total	609	20	0.69%	585	4%
Medical Total	7254	886	8.21%	7509	-3%
Mortuary Science Total	127	9	0.14%	151	-16%
Naturopaths Total	51	5	0.06%	46	11%
Nurse Aides Total	3658	367	4.14%	3570	2%
Nursing Total	19310	3028	21.86%	20018	-4%
Nursing Home Administrators Total	60	10	0.07%	59	2%
Nutritionists Total	12	1	0.01%	11	9%
Optometry Total	214	18	0.24%	218	-2%
Pawnbroker Total	27	1	0.03%	26	4%
PDMP Total	4152	1812	5%	2044	103%
Pharmacy Total	5262	1332	5.96%	5691	-8%
Physical and Occupational Therapy Total	1968	218	2.23%	2088	-6%
Professional Counselors Total	863	123	0.98%	779	11%
Psychology Total	322	42	0.36%	310	4%
Public Accountancy Total	1793	83	2.03%	1709	5%
Real Estate Total	3771	248	4.27%	4041	-7%
Real Estate Appraisers Total	345	110	0.39%	298	16%
Social Workers Total	969	137	1.10%	967	0%
Speech-Language Pathology Total	563	72	0.64%	734	-23%
Underground Storage Tank Workers Total	70	7	0.08%	63	11%
Veterinary Total	784	133	0.89%	815	-4%
Grand Total	88331	11251	100%	84300	4.78%

** Indirect only calculated on NEW licensees

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Program	Count of License #	New Issue	% of total License
Acupuncture	123	1	
Acupuncture Total	123	1	0.14%
Architects, Engineers and Land Surveyors			
Authorized Corporation	519	19	
Authorized Limited Liability Company	284	27	
Authorized Limited Liability Partnership	6		
Registered Professional Agriculture Engineer	1		
Registered Professional Architect	606	19	
Registered Professional Chemical Engineer	125	1	
Registered Professional Civil Engineer	3037	80	
Registered Professional Control Systems Engineer	51	5	
Registered Professional Electrical Engineer	732	24	
Registered Professional Environmental Engineer	142	5	
Registered Professional Fire Protection Engineer	50	4	
Registered Professional Industrial Engineer	1		
Registered Professional Land Surveyor	432	2	
Registered Professional Landscape Architect	55	4	
Registered Professional Mechanical Engineer	867	27	
Registered Professional Metallurgical And Materials Engineer	5	1	
Registered Professional Mining and Mineral Processing Engineer	51	1	
Registered Professional Naval Architect And Marine Engineer	21	1	
Registered Professional Petroleum Engineer	114	4	
Registered Professional Structural Engineer	388	9	
Registered Professional Industrial Engineer	1		
Architects, Engineers and Land Surveyors Total	7488	233	8.48%
Athletic Trainers			
Athletic Trainer	54	9	
Athletic Trainers Total	54	9	0.06%
Audiologists and Hearing Aid Dealers			
Audiologist	87	4	
Hearing Aid Dealer	44	5	
Audiologists and Hearing Aid Dealers Total	131	9	0.15%
Barbers and Hairdressers			
Barber	240	16	
Barber Temporary Permit	1	1	
Body Piercing	29	2	
Esthetician	850	67	
Esthetician Temporary Permit			
Hair Braiding	10	8	
Hairdresser	2706	70	
Hairdresser Temporary Permit	5	3	
Instructor	231	18	

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Program	Count of License #	New Issue	% of total License
Manicurist	935	100	
Manicurist with an Advanced Endorsement	128	11	
Non-Chemical Barber	8	8	
Permanent Cosmetic Coloring	78	66	
School Owner	18	1	
Shop Owner	943	72	
Shop Temporary License Per 12 AAC 09.112	3	3	
Student	942	350	
Student Temporary License	69	45	
Tattooing	164	11	
Tattooing and Permanent Cosmetic Coloring Courtesy License	56	55	
Tattooing And Permanent Cosmetic Coloring	44		
Barbers and Hairdressers Total	7460	909	8.45%
Behavior Analysts			
Assistant Behavior Analyst	8	5	
Behavior Analyst	66	12	
Behavior Analysts Total	74	17	0.08%
Big Game Guides and Transporters			
Assistant Guide	865	84	
Class-A Assistant Guide	114	10	
Registered Guide-Outfitter	382	17	
Transporter	129	14	
Master Guide-Outfitter	134		
Big Game Guides and Transporters Total	1624	125	1.84%
Chiropractic			
Chiropractic Physician	343	15	
Chiropractic Physician Temporary Permit	0	0	
Chiropractic Total	343	15	0.39%
Collection Agencies			
Collection Agency	245	14	
Collection Agency Branch Office	134	12	
Collection Agency Operator	453	54	
Collection Agencies Total	832	80	0.94%
Registered Concert Promoter	17	3	
Concert Promoters Total	17	3	0.02%
Construction Contractors			
General Contractor - Handyman - \$10,000 or less per project	446	97	
General Contractor Temporary License Per AS 25.27.244(d)	3	2	
General Contractor With Residential Contractor Endorsement	1015	57	
General Contractor Without Residential Contractor Endorsement	2965	283	
Mechanical Contractor	249	15	
Specialty Contractor	3168	283	
Specialty Contractor Temporary License Per AS 25.27.244(d)	3		
Residential Contractor Endorsement	1053	72	
Construction Contractors Total	8902	809	10.08%

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Program	Count of License #	New Issue	% of total License
Dental			
Dental Assistant Coronal Polishing Certificate	263	40	
Dental Hygiene Courtesy License	3	3	
Dental Hygienist	659	28	
Dentist	815	27	
Dentist Courtesy License	3	3	
Dentist Deep Sedation and General Anesthesia Permit	28	1	
Dentist Moderate Sedation Permit	96	6	
Hygienist Local Anesthetic Agent Certificate	633	1	
Dental Assistant Restorative Functions Certificate	17		
Dental Hygienist Restorative Function Endorsement	59		
Nitrous Oxide Certificate	295		
Radiological Equipment	2218	35	
Dental Total	5089	144	5.76%
Dietitians			
Dietitian	316	29	
Dietitians Total	316	29	0.36%
Direct Entry Midwives			
Certified Direct-Entry Midwife	40	3	
Apprentice Direct-Entry Midwife Permit	11		
Direct Entry Midwives Total	51	3	0.06%
Dispensing Opticians			
Dispensing Optician	107	4	
Dispensing Optician Apprentice		13	
Dispensing Opticians Total	107	17	0.12%
Electrical Administrators			
Electrical Administrator	991	31	
Electrical Administrators Total	991	31	1.12%
Euthanizing Domestic Animals			
Use of Drugs to Euthanize Domestic Animals Permit	11	0	
Euthanizing Domestic Animals Total	11	0	0.01%
Geology			
Certified Professional Geologist	802	9	
Geology Total**	802	9	0.91%
Guardians and Conservators			
Private Professional Conservator	2	1	
Private Professional Conservator Temporary License	2	1	
Private Professional Full Guardian	10		
Guardians and Conservators Total	14	2	0.02%
Home Inspectors			
Registered Associate Home Inspector	12	2	
Registered Home Inspector	99	9	
Home Inspectors Total	111	11	0.13%

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Marine Pilots			
Deputy Marine Pilot	15	9	
Marine Pilot	67	1	
Pilotage Exemption For Pleasure Craft Of Foreign Registry	35	17	
Registered Vessel Agent	7		
Marine Pilots Total	124	27	0.14%
Marital and Family Therapy			
Marital And Family Therapist	86	20	
Marital And Family Therapist Temporary License	1	1	
Marital And Family Therapy Associate	14	4	
Marital and Family Therapy Total	101	25	0.11%
Massage Therapists			
Massage Therapist	1382	103	
Massage Therapists Total	1382	103	1.56%
Mechanical Administrators			
Mechanical Administrator	609	20	
Mechanical Administrators Total	609	20	0.69%
Medical			
Mobile Intensive Care Paramedic	562	48	
Mobile Intensive Care Paramedic Temporary Permit	4	4	
Osteopathic Physician	521	47	
Osteopathic Physician Courtesy License	2	2	
Osteopathic Physician Resident Permit	21	11	
Osteopathic Physician Temporary Permit	7	7	
Physician	4107	326	
Physician Courtesy License	23	23	
Physician Locum Tenens Permit	18	12	
Physician Resident Permit	137	80	
Physician Temporary Permit	25	23	
Osteopathic Physician Locum Tenens Permit	2		
Podiatrist	29		
Physician Assistant	810	73	
Physician Assistant Graduate Temporary Permit	1	1	
Physician Assistant Temporary Permit	6	6	
Collaborative Plan Agreement	979	223	
Medical Total	7254	886	8.21%

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Mortuary Science			
Care and Disposal of Human Remains	2		
Embalmer	38	2	
Embalmer Trainee	3	2	
Funeral Director	49	2	
Funeral Director Trainee	3	2	
Funeral Establishment	32	1	
Mortuary Science Total	127	9	0.14%
Naturopaths			
Naturopath	51	5	
Naturopaths Total	51	5	0.06%
Nurse Aides			
Certified Nurse Aide	3656	365	
Certified Nurse Aide Temporary Permit	2	2	
Nurse Aides Total	3658	367	4.14%
Nursing			
Advanced Nurse Practitioner Preceptorship	61	22	
Advanced Practice Registered Nurse***	1337	205	
Advanced Practice Registered Nurse Preceptorship	7	7	
Authorized Registered Nurse Anesthetist	165	9	
Practical Nurse	879	96	
Registered Nurse	16816	2650	
Registered Nurse Temporary Permit	45	39	
Nursing Total	19310	3028	21.86%
Nursing Home Administrators			
Nursing Home Administrator	51	5	
Nursing Home Administrator Provisional License	9	5	
Nursing Home Administrators Total	60	10	0.07%
Nutritionists			
Nutritionist	12	1	
Nutritionists Total	12	1	0.01%
Optometry			
Optometrist	207	18	
Optometrist Restricted License-May use Pharmaceutical Agents	7		
Optometry Total	214	18	0.24%
Pawnbroker			
Pawnbroker	27	1	
Pawnbroker Total	27	1	0.03%
PDMP Physician Assistant	425	271	
PDMP Medical	2122	1301	
PDMP Nursing	737	144	
PDMP Optometry	43	2	
PDMP Pharmacy	672	64	
PDMP Veterinary	153	30	
PDMP Total	4152	1812	5%

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Program	Count of License #	New Issue	% of total License
Pharmacy			
Drug Room	45	4	
Out-Of-State Pharmacy	803	147	
Out-Of-State Wholesale Drug Distributor	404	404	
Outsourcing Facility	17	17	
Pharmacist	1159	62	
Pharmacist Temporary License Per AS 08.80.150	5	5	
Pharmacy	145	7	
Pharmacy Intern	763	284	
Pharmacy Technician	1706	270	
Third-Party Logistics Provider	116	116	
Wholesale Drug Distributor	21	1	
Remote Pharmacy	1		
Collaborative Practice Agreement	77	15	
Pharmacy Total	5262	1332	5.96%
Physical and Occupational Therapy			
Occupational Therapist	554	70	
Occupational Therapy Assistant	58	6	
Occupational Therapy Assistant Limited Permit	0	0	
Occupational Therapist Limited Permit	1		
Physical Therapist	1183	118	
Physical Therapy Assistant	172	22	
Physical and Occupational Therapy Total	1968	218	2.23%
Professional Counselors			
Professional Counselor	833	93	
Board Approved Supervisor	30	30	
Professional Counselors Total	863	123	0.98%
Psychology			
Psychological Associate	34		
Psychological Associate Temporary License	3		
Psychologist	258	30	
Psychologist Courtesy License	6	1	
Psychologist Temporary License	21	11	
Psychology Total	322	42	0.36%
Public Accountancy			
Certified Public Accountant	1558	68	
Limited Liability Company Public Accounting Permit	57	3	
Out-Of-State Permit	101	10	
Public Accountant	2		
Public Accounting Corporation Permit	66	2	
Public Accounting Partnership Permit	9		
Public Accountancy Total	1793	83	2.03%

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Program	Count of License #	New Issue	% of total License
Real Estate			
Associate Broker	433	5	
Associate Broker-Practice Limited To Community Association Management			
Broker	450	4	
Broker-Practice Limited To Community Association Management			
Salesperson	2346	239	
Real Estate Office Branch	35		
Real Estate Office Main	507		
Real Estate Total	3771	248	4.27%
Real Estate Appraisers			
Appraisal Management Company Registration	74	65	
Certified General Real Estate Appraiser	101	8	
Certified Residential Real Estate Appraiser	123	5	
Real Estate Appraiser Courtesy License	39	29	
Registered Trainee	8	3	
Real Estate Appraisers Total	345	110	0.39%
Social Workers			
Baccalaureate Social Worker	46	2	
Baccalaureate Social Worker Temporary License	9	7	
Clinical Social Worker	712	76	
Master Social Worker	155	24	
Master Social Worker Temporary License	47	28	
Social Workers Total	969	137	1.10%
Speech-Language Pathology			
Speech-Language Pathologist	482	60	
Speech-Language Pathologist Assistant	65	7	
Speech-Language Pathologist Temporary License	16	5	
Speech-Language Pathology Total	563	72	0.64%
Underground Storage Tank Workers			
Underground Storage Tank Worker	70	7	
Underground Storage Tank Workers Total	70	7	0.08%
Veterinary			
Veterinarian	418	31	
Veterinarian Courtesy License	63	61	
Veterinarian Student Permit	4	4	
Veterinarian Temporary License	1	1	
Veterinarian Temporary Permit	18	9	
Veterinary Technician	280	27	
Veterinary Total	784	133	0.89%
Grand Total	88331	11251	100.06%
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