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Senate Bill 86 Sponsor Statement

Senate Bill 86 adapts language originally found in Senate Bill 56, the Governor's public health disaster emergency bill, by providing a means to issue temporary licenses, permits, and certificates under statutory law.

The distinction between Senate Bill 86 and Senate Bill 56 is that the Governor's bill only amended uncodified law to allow for expedited licensing during the novel coronavirus disease public health disaster emergency. By placing a temporary licensing process in statute, our state laws become more COVID-19-aware and the state has the means to maintain operations during times of unprecedented need, even when a disaster emergency declaration is not in place.