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Memorandum

TO: Senator Lesil McGuire
FROM: Susan Warner, Legislative Analyst
DATE: February 7, 2011
RE: Professional/Occupational Licensing Regulated by the Alaska Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development.

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You asked about licensing regulated by the Alaska Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development. Specifically you asked for the number of licensees per industry sector regulated by the Department and by boards within the Department.

There are 20 licensing boards regulated by the Alaska Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development (DCCED), Division of Professional Licensing. Additionally, the Division regulates several occupations without a board. We provide a list of all regulatory bodies within DCCED, and the professions and number of licensees they regulate, on the following page.

We hope this is helpful. If you have questions or need additional information, please let us know.

**Professional/Occupational Licensing Regulated by the
Alaska Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development (DCCED)**

Regulatory Authority	Profession/Occupation	No. of licensees
Board of Public Accountancy	Public accountants	1,495
Board of Registration for Architects, Engineers, and Land Surveyors	Architect and engineer corporations	529
	Architects, engineers, and land surveyors	5,484
Board of Barbers and Hairdressers	Barbers, body piercers, estheticians, hairdressers, shop/school owners, and tattooists	5,962
Big Game Commercial Services Board	Guides and transporters	1,728
Board of Chiropractic Examiners	Chiropractors	246
Board of Dental Examiners	Office permits, hygienists, and dentists	1,805
Board of Marine Pilots	Marine pilots and vessel agents	105
Board of Marital and Family Therapy	Marital and family therapists	84
State Medical Board	Physicians and osteopaths	3,714
Board of Certified Direct-Entry Midwives	Midwives	55
Board of Nursing	Nurse aides	2,908
	Nurses	11,247
Board of Examiners in Optometry	Optometrists	160
Board of Pharmacy	Pharmacists and drug distributors	2,834
State Physical Therapy and Occupational Therapy Board	Physical and occupational therapists	976
Board of Professional Counselors	Counselors	488
Board of Psychologist and Psychological Associate Examiners	Psychologists	253
Board of Certified Real Estate Appraisers	Real estate appraisers	254
Real Estate Commission	Real estate brokers	2,329
Board of Social Work Examiners	Social workers	643
Board of Veterinary Examiners	Veterinarians and veterinarian technicians	428
DCCED Division of Professional Licensing (not regulated under a board or commission)	Acupuncturists	95
	Audiologists and hearing aid dealers	81
	Animal euthanasia program licenses	13
	Collection agency	530
	Concert promoters	17
	Contractors	5,729
	Dieticians	173
	Dispensing opticians	104
	Electrical administrators	848
	Geologists	651
	Guardians and conservators	8
	Home inspectors	69
	Mechanical administrators	517
	Mortgage originators	282
	Mortgage licensees	107
	Mortuary, embalmers, and funeral home owners	132
	Naturopaths	47
	Nursing home administrators	47
	Nutritionists	5
	Physician assistants	502
	Residential contractor endorsements	707
	Speech pathologists	223
	Underground storage tank workers	69
Total number of licensees		54,683
Source: An online database provided by the Alaska DCCED, Division of Corporations, Business, and Professional Licensing: http://www.commerce.state.ak.us/occ/home_professional_lic.htm . February 4, 2011.		