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House Bill 277 V. B LICENSING RECIPROCITY; FEES

Sectional Analysis

Sections in HB 277

Includes a great deal of conforming language for the universal reciprocity language in the bill and for fee caps in the bill.

Section 1

Amends the Alaska trust company act exemptions to add conforming language for fiduciaries.

Section 2

Amends the centralized licensing statute (AS 08.01) to limit total fees collected by the state for occupational licenses to the total national average fees for each occupation.

Section 3

Adds a new section to the centralized licensing statute (AS 08.01) to require departments and appropriate boards to issue licenses to an applicant for a license which the applicant holds a comparable license in another jurisdiction. The applicant must hold a current license in another state, district, or territory of the United States and has actively used the license during the past two years. Fingerprint and criminal history checks or waiver of confidentiality will be required if required for a license in Alaska. Applicants must be in good standing in their existing license issuing jurisdiction.

Exceptions to this requirement are for real estate appraisers, big game transporters, and animal control agencies who have federal requirements, and for general business licenses.

Section 4

Amends the telehealth statute to add conforming language for eliminating the licensing requirement for dispensing opticians.

Section 5

Amends the public account statute to add conforming language.

Section 6

Amends the general provisions of the centralized licensing statutes to conform to the definition of license.

Section 7

Conforms the definition of “principal place of business,” for accountants.

Section 8

Conforming language for acupuncture and oriental medicine.

Section 9

Amends the construction contractors to exempt from licensing requirements contractors who only perform contract work related to carpentry, cabinet making, cement finishing, door repair, drywall installation, floor sanding, glazing, insulation, iron and steel, masonry, painting, paving, pipelaying, sheet metal, or terrazzo.

Section 10

Amends definitions to remove sheet metal from mechanical contractors.

Section 11

Amends licensing and regulation fees to add conforming language for chiropractors.

Section 12

Amends publication of applicable law to remove reference to licensing of collection agencies.

Section 13

Amends the *license required* statute to remove collection agencies from required licensure.

Section 14

Amends annual statement of collection to remove licensing requirements for collection agencies.

Section 15

Adds conforming language to *information confidential* statute for collections agencies to remove ability to revoke a license.

Section 16

Adds conforming language to investigations of collection agencies to remove licensing reference.

Section 17

Adds conforming language to maintaining actions or suits on behalf of a collection agency client to remove reference to licensing.

Section 18

Adds conforming language to duty to maintain public office for collection agencies to remove reference to licensing.

Section 19

Adds conforming language for collection agency operations.

Section 20

Adds conforming language to form submission requirements for collection agencies.

Section 21

Changes the definition of collection agency from “licensed” to “engaging in the collection agency business.”

Section 22

Conforming language for collection agencies.

Section 23

Amends dental hygienist language to conform to universal reciprocity language in this bill.

Section 24

Amends dentistry statute to require an applicant for a specialist license to meet the requirements of the profession but not current licensure statutes, to conform with reciprocity language in this bill.

Section 25

Amends architects, engineers, land surveyors, and landscape architects to remove board requirement to approve comity of applications to conform with reciprocity language in this bill.

Section 26

Removes comity provision for registration of professional architects, professional engineers, land surveyors, of landscape architects to conform with reciprocity language in this bill.

Section 27

Amends fees for medical professionals to eliminate license by endorsement to conform with universal reciprocity language in this bill.

Section 28

Amends midwives' statute to eliminate reference to licensure by credentials to conform with reciprocity language in this bill.

Section 29

Amends optometrist statute to remove reference to licensing for dispensing opticians.

Section 30

Amends board of pharmacy statute to remove reference to dispensing opticians' licensure.

Section 31

Amends pharmacists and pharmacies to remove license by transfer to conform to universal reciprocity in this bill.

Section 32

Adds conforming language to dispensing opticians.

Section 33

Amends physical therapists and occupational therapists to conform with reciprocity language in this bill.

Section 34

Adds conforming language to temporary permits for physical and occupational therapists to conform with reciprocity language in this bill.

Section 35

Adds conforming language to temporary permits for social work practice.

Section 36

Amends definition of health care provider to eliminate dispensing optician.

Section 37

Adds to criminal justice background requirements for applicators of pesticides and broadcast chemicals if required by the department.

Section 38

Amends license, tags, and subsistence permits statute to removes reference to licensure for taxidermy and control of nuisance wild birds and nuisance wild small mammals.

Section 39

Conforming language for nuisance wild birds and small animals.

Section 40

Amends the licensing statute to limit fees collected by the state for emergency medical practitioners' licenses to the national average fees for those occupations.

Section 41

Adds a new section to the emergency medical practitioners' licensing statute to require department to issue licenses to an applicant for a license which the applicant holds a comparable license in another jurisdiction. The applicant must hold a current license in another state, district, or territory of the United States and has actively used the license during the past two years. Fingerprint and criminal history checks will be required if required for a license. Applicants must be in good standing in their existing license issuing jurisdiction.

Section 42

Amends definition of health care provider to remove reference to dispensing optician licensure.

Section 43

Amends the school bus drivers' licensing statute to require department to issue licenses to an applicant for a license which the applicant holds a comparable license in another jurisdiction. The applicant must hold a current license in another state, district, or territory of the United States and has actively used the license during the past two years.

Section 44

Amends the commercial motor vehicles licensing statute to require department to issue licenses to an applicant for a license which the applicant holds a comparable license in another jurisdiction. The applicant must hold a current license in another state, district, or territory of the United States and has actively used the license during the past two years.

Section 45

Refers to language under Section 46.

Section 46

Adds new language to commercial driver's license statute to limit fees collected by the state for licenses to the national average fees for that occupation.

Section 47

Amends commercial driver's license statutes to reflect universal reciprocity requirements in this bill.

Section 48

Amends the Alaska business and license act to require occupations whose license requirements are being removed to continue to comply with all regulatory provisions for that occupation.

Section 49

Amends the licensing statute to limit fees collected by the state for pesticides and broadcast handlers' licenses to the national average fees for those occupations.

Section 50

Adds a new section to the pesticides and broadcast chemical licensing statute to require department to issue licenses to an applicant for a license which the applicant holds a comparable license in another jurisdiction. The applicant must hold a current license in another state, district, or territory of the United States and has actively used the license during the past two years. Fingerprint and criminal history checks will be required if required for a license. Applicants must be in good standing in their existing license issuing jurisdiction.

Section 51

Repeals subsections of the centralized licensing statute that remove licensing requirements, allow for reciprocity or fees in current statutes that are being superseded in this bill.

License requirements that are repealed in this bill are: dispensing opticians, collection agencies, commercial removal of nuisance wild birds and small animals, taxidermy, and specialty contractors who only perform contract work related to carpentry, cabinet making, cement finishing, door repair, drywall installation, floor sanding, glazing, insulation, iron and steel, masonry, painting, paving, pipelaying, sheet metal, or terrazzo.

Repealed statutes for conforming purposes include: barbering, hairdressers, or aestheticians, behavioral analysts, operator of a collection agency, collection agents, professional counselors, dental hygienists, dentistry, dieticians and nutritionists, medical examiners, morticians, architecture, big game guides, massage therapists, marital and family therapy, physician, osteopath, podiatry, and midwives, motor vehicle dealers, practical nurse applicants, nursing fees, nursing home administrator, dispensing opticians, contact lens dispensers, optometry, pharmacists, physical therapists, phycologists and psychological associates, and veterinary medicine.

Section 52

Provides for a transition: on or after July 1, 2025, a person who holds a valid license, certificate, registration, or endorsement by reciprocity, comity, credentials, may continue to practice under the license, permit, registration, of endorsement until it expires normally or is suspended or revoked.

Section 53

Provides for an effective date of July 1, 2025.