

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 277(W&M)

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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BY THE HOUSE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

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Sponsor(s): HOUSE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 **"An Act relating to occupational licensing; relating to reciprocity and licensure by**
2 **comity, credentials, and endorsement for occupational licenses; relating to occupational**
3 **license fees; relating to exemptions to licensing for contractors; relating to collection**
4 **agencies; relating to dispensing opticians; relating to taxidermy; relating to control of**
5 **nuisance wild birds and small animals for compensation; relating to licensing and fees**
6 **for school bus and commercial motor vehicle drivers; relating to licensing and fees for**
7 **certain occupations related to pesticides and broadcast chemicals; and providing for an**
8 **effective date."**

9 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:**

10 *** Section 1.** AS 06.26.020(a) is amended to read:

11 (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter, a person does not act
12 as a fiduciary under this chapter if the person

1 (1) is licensed to practice law in this state, the person is acting within
2 the scope of the license, and the person and any law firm of the person are not trustees
3 of more trusts than the number established for the person and law firm by the
4 department by regulation or order; in this paragraph, "law firm" means a partnership, a
5 professional corporation organized under AS 10.45, or another association organized
6 for the practice of law and in which the person practices law;

7 (2) acts as trustee under a deed of trust delivered only as security for
8 the payment of money or for the performance of another act;

9 (3) receives and distributes on behalf of a principal rents and proceeds
10 of sales as a real estate broker or other licensee under AS 08.88;

11 (4) engages in securities business activity as a registered broker-dealer,
12 a broker-dealer agent, an investment adviser, or an investment adviser representative,
13 or as a federal covered investment adviser who has made a notice filing under
14 AS 45.56.360(c), the person is acting within the scope of the person's registration or
15 notice filing, and the activity is regulated by the department under AS 45.56 or by the
16 United States Securities and Exchange Commission; in this paragraph, "agent,"
17 "broker-dealer," "federal covered investment adviser," "investment adviser,"
18 "investment adviser representative," and "securities business" have the meanings given
19 in AS 45.56.900;

20 (5) engages in the sale and administration of an insurance product as
21 an insurance company licensed under AS 21 or an insurance producer licensed under
22 AS 21 and is acting within the scope of that license;

23 (6) handles escrow transactions and is a title insurance company that
24 has a certificate of authority issued under AS 21.09, a title insurance limited producer
25 that is licensed as required by AS 21.66.270, or an employee of the title insurance
26 company or title insurance producer when acting in the scope of the employee's
27 employment; in this paragraph,

28 (A) "escrow transaction" has the meaning given in
29 AS 34.80.090;

30 (B) "title insurance company" has the meaning given in
31 AS 21.66.480;

1 (C) "title insurance limited producer" has the meaning given in
2 AS 21.66.480;

3 (7) is a cemetery association organized and acting under AS 10.30;

4 (8) is a trustee for a voting trust under AS 10.06 and is acting in that
5 capacity;

6 (9) has a certified public accountant license issued under AS 08.04.105
7 [OR 08.04.195], the person is acting within the scope of the license, and the person
8 and any accounting firm of the person are not trustees of more trusts than the number
9 established for the person and accounting firm by the department by regulation or
10 order; in this paragraph, "accounting firm" means a partnership, a professional
11 corporation organized under AS 10.45, or another association organized for the
12 practice of public accounting and in which the person practices public accounting;

13 (10) holds real property in trust for the primary purpose of subdivision,
14 development, or sale or to facilitate a business transaction with respect to the real
15 property;

16 (11) serves as a trustee of a trust created by the person's family
17 members;

18 (12) holds money or other assets as a homeowners' association or
19 similar organization to pay maintenance and other related costs for commonly owned
20 property; in this paragraph, "homeowners' association" includes an association of
21 apartment owners under AS 34.07.450 and a unit owners' association or master
22 association under AS 34.08.990;

23 (13) holds money or other assets in connection with the collection of
24 debts or payments on loans by a person acting solely as the agent or representative at
25 the sole direction of the person to whom the debt or payment is owed, including
26 engaging in the business of an escrow agent;

27 (14) acts as a conservator if the person is appointed by a court of this
28 or another state or is qualified to act as a conservator under AS 13.26.580;

29 (15) acts as a personal representative if the person is appointed a
30 personal representative by a court of this or another state or is qualified to act as a
31 personal representative under AS 13.21.035;

1 (16) acts as a guardian or receiver if the person is appointed as a
2 guardian or receiver by a court of this or another state;

3 (17) is a business partner acting with regard to the business, or a co-
4 owner of property acting with regard to the co-owned property;

5 (18) serves as a trustee of one or more trusts in which the settlor is not
6 a family member of the person, except that the person may not at any one time serve
7 as a trustee for trusts that cumulatively have more than 10 different settlors; however,
8 the department may change by regulation or order the maximum number of settlors
9 allowed for this exemption; in this paragraph, a husband and wife who create a joint
10 trust are considered to be one settlor.

11 * **Sec. 2.** AS 08.01.065(c) is amended to read:

12 (c) Except as provided in **(i)** [(f) - (k)] of this section, the department shall
13 establish fee levels under (a) of this section so that the total [AMOUNT OF] fees
14 collected for an occupation approximately equals the actual regulatory costs for the
15 occupation **except that the total fees collected for the occupation may not exceed**
16 **the national average of the total fees collected for that occupation, as determined**
17 **by the department.** The department shall annually review each fee level to determine
18 whether the regulatory costs of each occupation are approximately equal to **the total**
19 **fees collected for** [FEE COLLECTIONS RELATED TO] that occupation **and**
20 **whether the total fees collected for each occupation exceed the national average**
21 **of the total fees collected for that occupation.** If the review indicates that **the total**
22 **fees collected for an occupation** [AN OCCUPATION'S FEE COLLECTIONS] and
23 **the** regulatory costs are not approximately equal **or that the total fees collected for**
24 **an occupation exceed the national average of the total fees collected for that**
25 **occupation,** the department shall calculate fee adjustments and adopt regulations
26 under (a) of this section to implement the adjustments. In January of each year, the
27 department shall report on all fee levels and revisions for the previous year under this
28 subsection to the office of management and budget. If a board regulates an occupation
29 covered by this chapter, the department shall consider the board's recommendations
30 concerning the occupation's fee levels and regulatory costs before revising fee
31 schedules to comply with this subsection. In this subsection, "regulatory costs" means

1 costs of the department that are attributable to regulation of an occupation plus

2 (1) all expenses of the board that regulates the occupation if the board
3 regulates only one occupation;

4 (2) the expenses of a board that are attributable to the occupation if the
5 board regulates more than one occupation.

6 * **Sec. 3.** AS 08.01 is amended by adding a new section to read:

7 **Sec. 08.01.067. Reciprocity.** (a) Except as provided in (b) of this section, and
8 notwithstanding another provision of law, the department or appropriate board shall
9 issue to an applicant a license to practice an occupation covered by this chapter for
10 which the applicant holds a comparable license in another jurisdiction if the applicant
11 meets the requirements of this section and applies to the department or appropriate
12 board in the manner prescribed by the department or appropriate board. An application
13 must include evidence satisfactory to the department or appropriate board that the
14 applicant

15 (1) holds a current license in another state, district, or territory of the
16 United States that the applicant has actively used during the two years immediately
17 preceding the date of application;

18 (2) if required by the department or appropriate board for obtaining the
19 license, has been fingerprinted and has provided the fees required by the Department
20 of Public Safety under AS 12.62.160 for criminal justice information and a national
21 criminal history record check; the fingerprints and fees shall be forwarded to the
22 Department of Public Safety to obtain a report of criminal justice information under
23 AS 12.62 and a national criminal history record check under AS 12.62.400;

24 (3) if a law governing the license to practice the occupation requires a
25 waiver of confidentiality in the application for the license, has provided a waiver of
26 confidentiality on the matters required to be waived by the law;

27 (4) is in good standing with the licensing authority of

28 (A) the jurisdiction that issued the applicant's existing license;

29 and

30 (B) any other jurisdiction that has issued the applicant a license
31 comparable to the license applied for by the applicant; and

1 (5) pays any fees required under this title.

2 (b) This section does not apply to a permit for a qualified agency under
3 AS 08.02.050, transporter license under AS 08.54, general, residential or institutional
4 real estate appraiser certificate under AS 08.87, or business license under AS 43.70.

5 (c) An applicant issued a license under this section to practice an occupation is
6 exempt from other initial licensure requirements, but is otherwise subject to all laws
7 that apply to the license and the practice of the occupation.

8 * **Sec. 4.** AS 08.02.130(a) is amended to read:

9 (a) A health care provider [LICENSED] in this state may provide health care
10 services within the health care provider's authorized scope of practice to a patient in
11 this state through telehealth without first conducting an in-person visit.

12 * **Sec. 5.** AS 08.02.130(c) is amended to read:

13 (c) If a **physician licensed in another state or a** health care provider
14 determines in the course of a telehealth encounter with a patient under this section that
15 some or all of the encounter will extend beyond the **physician's or** health care
16 provider's authorized scope of practice, the **physician or** health care provider shall
17 advise the patient that the **physician or** health care provider is not authorized to
18 provide some or all of the services to the patient, recommend that the patient contact
19 an appropriate provider for the services the **physician or** health care provider is not
20 authorized to provide, and limit the encounter to only those services the **physician or**
21 health care provider is authorized to provide. The **physician or** health care provider
22 may not charge for any portion of an encounter that extends beyond the **physician's or**
23 health care provider's authorized scope of practice.

24 * **Sec. 6.** AS 08.02.130(g) is amended to read:

25 (g) Except as authorized under (e) and (f) of this section, a health care
26 provider [LICENSED UNDER THIS TITLE] may not prescribe, dispense, or
27 administer through telehealth under this section a controlled substance listed in
28 AS 11.71.140 - 11.71.190.

29 * **Sec. 7.** AS 08.02.130(h) is amended to read:

30 (h) A **physician licensed in another state or a** health care provider may not
31 be required to document a barrier to an in-person visit to provide health care services

1 through telehealth. The department or a board may not limit the physical setting from
 2 which a **physician licensed in another state or a** health care provider may provide
 3 health care services through telehealth.

4 * **Sec. 8.** AS 08.02.130(i) is amended to read:

5 (i) Nothing in this section requires the use of telehealth when a **physician**
 6 **licensed in another state or a** health care provider determines that providing health
 7 care services through telehealth is not appropriate or when a patient chooses not to
 8 receive health care services through telehealth.

9 * **Sec. 9.** AS 08.02.130(j)(1) is amended to read:

10 (1) "health care provider" means

11 [(A)] an audiologist or speech-language pathologist licensed
 12 under AS 08.11; a behavior analyst licensed under AS 08.15; a chiropractor
 13 licensed under AS 08.20; a professional counselor licensed under AS 08.29; a
 14 dental hygienist licensed under AS 08.32; a dentist licensed under AS 08.36; a
 15 dietitian or nutritionist licensed under AS 08.38; a naturopath licensed under
 16 AS 08.45; a marital and family therapist licensed under AS 08.63; a physician
 17 licensed under AS 08.64; a podiatrist, osteopath, or physician assistant licensed
 18 under AS 08.64; a direct-entry midwife certified under AS 08.65; a nurse
 19 licensed under AS 08.68; a dispensing optician **as defined in AS 08.72.274(c)**
 20 [LICENSED UNDER AS 08.71]; an optometrist licensed under AS 08.72; a
 21 pharmacist licensed under AS 08.80; a physical therapist or occupational
 22 therapist licensed under AS 08.84; a psychologist or psychological associate
 23 licensed under AS 08.86; or a social worker licensed under AS 08.95; [OR

24 (B) A PHYSICIAN LICENSED IN ANOTHER STATE;]

25 * **Sec. 10.** AS 08.04.410 is amended to read:

26 **Sec. 08.04.410. Inactive license for person not engaged in practice.**

27 Notwithstanding AS 08.04.105 [OR 08.04.195], an individual holding a license who is
 28 not engaged in the practice of public accounting may maintain the license in good
 29 standing by notifying the board that the individual is inactive and paying the required
 30 fee.

31 * **Sec. 11.** AS 08.04.680(8) is amended to read:

1 (8) "license" means a license issued under AS 08.04.105 [OR
2 08.04.195];

3 * **Sec. 12.** AS 08.04.680(17) is amended to read:

4 (17) "principal place of business" means the office location designated
5 by an individual for the purposes of substantial equivalency [AND RECIPROCITY];

6 * **Sec. 13.** AS 08.06.030(a) is amended to read:

7 (a) A person is qualified to receive a license to practice acupuncture if the
8 person

9 (1) is of good moral character;

10 (2) is at least 21 years of age;

11 (3) [EITHER

12 (A)] has completed a course of study consistent with the core
13 curriculum and guidelines of the Accreditation Commission for Acupuncture
14 and Oriental Medicine at a school of acupuncture approved by the department
15 [; OR

16 (B) IS LICENSED TO PRACTICE ACUPUNCTURE IN
17 ANOTHER JURISDICTION THAT HAS ACUPUNCTURE LICENSING
18 REQUIREMENTS EQUIVALENT TO THOSE OF THIS STATE];

19 (4) is qualified for certification by the National Certification
20 Commission for Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine as a diplomate in acupuncture;

21 (5) does not have a disciplinary proceeding or unresolved complaint
22 pending at the time of application; and

23 (6) has not had a license to practice acupuncture suspended or revoked
24 in this state or in another jurisdiction.

25 * **Sec. 14.** AS 08.18.161 is amended to read:

26 **Sec. 08.18.161. Exemptions.** To the extent that this chapter governs
27 contractors, this chapter does not apply to

28 (1) an authorized representative of the United States government, the
29 state, or a political subdivision or agency of the state;

30 (2) an officer of a court when acting within the scope of office;

31 (3) a public utility operating under the regulations of the Regulatory

1 Commission of Alaska in construction, maintenance, or development work incidental
2 to its own business;

3 (4) a construction, repair, or operation incidental to the discovering or
4 producing of petroleum or gas, or the drilling, testing, abandoning, or other operation
5 of a petroleum or gas well or a surface or underground mine or mineral deposit when
6 performed by an owner or lessee;

7 (5) the sale or installation of finished products, materials, or articles of
8 merchandise that are not actually fabricated into and do not become a permanent,
9 fixed part of a structure;

10 (6) construction, alteration, or repair of personal property;

11 (7) a person who only furnished materials, supplies, or equipment
12 without fabricating them into, or consuming them in the performance of, the work of
13 the contractor;

14 (8) an owner who contracts for a project with a registered contractor;

15 (9) a person working on an existing structure on that person's own
16 property, whether occupied by the person or not, and a person working on that
17 person's own existing residence, whether owned by the person or not;

18 (10) an owner or tenant of commercial property who uses the owner's
19 or tenant's own employees to do maintenance, repair, and alteration work on that
20 property;

21 (11) an owner who acts as the owner's own contractor and in doing so
22 performs the work independently or hires workers or subcontractors, purchases
23 materials, and, as such, sees to the paying for all labor, subcontractors, and materials;
24 in this case, the owner shall be limited to construction of one home, duplex, triplex,
25 four-plex, or commercial building every two years; an owner who advertises the
26 structure under construction for sale or sells the structure during the period of
27 construction or within two years after the period of construction begins shall file, on
28 forms provided by the department, a notice indicating that the owner is not engaged in
29 a business for which the owner is required to register as a contractor under this
30 chapter; for the purposes of this paragraph, construction begins on the date that is the
31 earlier of when the owner

1 (A) begins the actual construction work; or

2 (B) enters into an agreement with another person for the other
3 person to provide labor, to act as a subcontractor, or to provide materials for
4 the construction;

5 (12) a person performing construction work incidental to farming,
6 dairying, agriculture, horticulture, stock or poultry raising, mining, logging, fishing,
7 clearing, or other work on the land in rural districts for fire prevention purposes, or
8 access road building, unless the person is a licensee;

9 **(13) a person who only performs contracting work related to**
10 **carpentry, cabinet making, cement finishing, door repair, drywall installation,**
11 **floor sanding, glazing, insulation, iron and steel, masonry, painting, paving,**
12 **pipelaying, sheet metal, or terrazzo.**

13 * **Sec. 15.** AS 08.18.171(13) is amended to read:

14 (13) "mechanical contractor" means a contractor whose business
15 operations involve plumbing, pipe fitting, [SHEET METAL,] heating, air
16 conditioning, ventilating, or sprinkler and dry chemical fire protection trades in order
17 to install or modify mechanical piping and systems, devices, fixtures, and equipment
18 or other mechanical materials subject to the following codes as published by the
19 International Association of Plumbing and Mechanical Officials or the International
20 Conference of Building Officials:

21 (A) Uniform Plumbing Code;

22 (B) Uniform Swimming Pool, Spa, and Hot Tub Code;

23 (C) Uniform Solar Energy Code; and

24 (D) Uniform Mechanical Code;

25 * **Sec. 16.** AS 08.20.180(a) is amended to read:

26 (a) An applicant for an examination, reexamination, issuance of a temporary
27 permit under AS 08.20.160, issuance of a locum tenens permit under AS 08.20.163,
28 [ISSUANCE OF A LICENSE BY CREDENTIALS UNDER AS 08.20.141,] one-time
29 issuance of a retired status license, or initial issuance or renewal of an active or
30 inactive license shall pay a fee established under AS 08.01.065.

31 * **Sec. 17.** AS 08.24.061 is amended to read:

1 **Sec. 08.24.061. Publication of applicable law.** The department shall
2 reproduce the laws relating to [LICENSING OF] collection agencies and operators,
3 the regulations adopted by the department, and other pertinent matter, publish the
4 material in pamphlet form, and make the pamphlets available to the public without
5 expense.

6 * **Sec. 18.** AS 08.24.090(a) is amended to read:

7 (a) A [PERSON OTHER THAN A] collection agency [LICENSED AND
8 AUTHORIZED UNDER THIS CHAPTER] may, [NOT] for compensation,

9 (1) conduct a collection agency business in this state;

10 (2) collect claims for others in this state;

11 (3) solicit the right to collect or receive payment of a claim for another;

12 (4) advertise or solicit either in print, by letter, in person or otherwise,
13 the right to collect or receive payment of a claim for another;

14 (5) seek to make collection or obtain payment of a claim on behalf of
15 another.

16 * **Sec. 19.** AS 08.24.210 is amended to read:

17 **Sec. 08.24.210. Annual statement of collection.** Each collection agency
18 [LICENSEE] shall, not later than January 31 of each calendar year, file with the
19 department a verified annual statement for the preceding calendar year, showing the
20 respective amounts of all customers' money collected by the collection agency
21 [LICENSEE] during the preceding calendar year, that has not previously been
22 remitted to the customers entitled to it or properly accounted for, and showing also the
23 amounts of money that the collection agency [LICENSEE] has on deposit in a bank or
24 in the collection agency's [LICENSEE'S] possession for the purpose of liquidating
25 any and all amounts due to customers. The statement must contain the name and
26 address of the bank. The annual statement shall be made substantially in the following
27 form:

28 ANNUAL STATEMENT TO DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, COMMUNITY, AND
29 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

30 Pursuant to AS 08.24.210 the undersigned,, collection
31 agency [LICENSED] under AS 08.24 [TO CONDUCT A COLLECTION AGENCY

BUSINESS], hereby declares that the amount of money collected during the preceding calendar year by the undersigned, as a **person engaging in collection agency business** [LICENSEE] under AS 08.24, which has not been remitted to a customer or properly accounted for is \$; and that the amount on deposit with all banks for the purpose of liquidating all amounts to customers is \$

The attached schedule contains a true statement of the name and address of each customer of the undersigned to whom there was due or owing at the end of the preceding calendar year on account of collections made during the preceding calendar year the aggregate sum of \$20 or more.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has executed this statement on this day of, 2

(name of **collection agency** [LICENSEE])

(signature)

(capacity)

VERIFICATION

STATE OF ALASKA ss

THIRD DISTRICT

I, the undersigned, being first sworn, do on oath depose and say: That I executed the within annual statement as the **collection agency** [LICENSEE NAMED IN IT] or on behalf of the **collection agency** [LICENSEE NAMED IN IT], as the operator, director, or officer of the **collection agency** [LICENSEE NAMED IN IT, AS INDICATED IN IT]; that I have read the statement and know its contents; and that the statement is true

Subscribed and sworn to before me this day of, 2

Notary Public in and for Alaska

My commission expires:

* **Sec. 20.** AS 08.24.250 is amended to read:

Sec. 08.24.250. Information confidential. Except as otherwise provided in this chapter, information in whatever form required to be filed by the terms of

1 AS 08.24.210 shall be confidential and may not become a public record [, BUT IT
 2 MAY BE INTRODUCED IN EVIDENCE IN A SUIT, ACTION, OR PROCEEDING
 3 IN A COURT OR IN A PROCEEDING INVOLVING THE GRANTING OR
 4 REVOCATION OF THE LICENSE OF A LICENSEE].

5 * **Sec. 21.** AS 08.24.260 is amended to read:

6 **Sec. 08.24.260. Investigations.** The department may, upon its own motion,
 7 and shall, upon the sworn complaint in writing of a customer of a collection agency,
 8 investigate the actions of a **collection agency** [LICENSEE] claimed to have violated
 9 this chapter and, for that purpose, shall have free access to the offices and place of
 10 business and, if the complaint involves customer accounts, to all pertinent books,
 11 accounts, records, papers, files, safes, and vaults of the **collection agency** [LICENSEE
 12 OR CERTIFICATE HOLDER]. If the complaint involves the owing of money, or any
 13 other thing of value, by a **collection agency** [LICENSEE] to the complainant, when
 14 the **collection agency** [LICENSEE] raises the issue of an offset or counterclaim, the
 15 department may require the complainant to submit all records and data in the
 16 complainant's possession pertaining to the offset or counterclaim.

17 * **Sec. 22.** AS 08.24.300 is amended to read:

18 **Sec. 08.24.300. Court action by agency.** A collection agency is [NOT]
 19 entitled to maintain a suit or action involving the collection of money on behalf of its
 20 customers in a court of this state [WITHOUT ALLEGING AND PROVING THAT IT
 21 IS LICENSED AND HAS PROCURED A BOND, AS PROVIDED IN THIS
 22 CHAPTER. A COPY OF THE COLLECTION AGENCY LICENSE, CERTIFIED
 23 BY THE DEPARTMENT TO BE A TRUE AND CORRECT COPY IS PRIMA
 24 FACIE EVIDENCE OF THE LICENSING AND BONDING OF THE
 25 COLLECTION AGENCY FOR THE TERM EXPRESSED IN THE COPY OF THE
 26 LICENSE].

27 * **Sec. 23.** AS 08.24.330 is amended to read:

28 **Sec. 08.24.330. Duty to maintain a public office.** Each collection agency
 29 shall maintain its principal office and any branch office at **the** [A] street address that
 30 **the** [IS STATED IN ITS ORIGINAL APPLICATION FOR LICENSE OR
 31 ANOTHER ADDRESS THAT THE] agency **designates** [MAY DESIGNATE] to the

1 department; the office shall be maintained in such a manner as to be open for contact
2 by the public or debtors during normal working hours.

3 * **Sec. 24.** AS 08.24.340(a) is amended to read:

4 (a) Within 15 days after **beginning operations as a collection agency**
5 **business** [LICENSURE UNDER THIS CHAPTER], a collection agency shall submit
6 to the department a list of all persons employed by the agency. Thereafter, upon hiring
7 a new employee, the collection agency shall, within 15 days after the hiring, submit to
8 the department the name of the newly hired employee and the further information
9 required by (b) of this section.

10 * **Sec. 25.** AS 08.24.340(d) is amended to read:

11 (d) The [OWNER OR LICENSED OPERATOR OF THE] collection agency
12 **or an operator of the collection agency** shall also state **on** [UPON] the form
13 submitted the date **on** [UPON] which the new employee was hired and that the new
14 employee is an employee of the collection agency at the time the form is executed.

15 * **Sec. 26.** AS 08.24.380(1) is amended to read:

16 (1) "collection agency" means a person **engaging** [LICENSED AND
17 AUTHORIZED TO ENGAGE] in the collection agency business;

18 * **Sec. 27.** AS 08.24.380(2) is amended to read:

19 (2) "collection agency business" means the business of engaging
20 directly or indirectly and having as a primary or secondary object, business, or pursuit
21 the solicitation of claims for collection or repossession of collateral security or the
22 collection of claims owed or due or asserted to be owed or due to another or the
23 repossession of collateral security;

24 (A) a house, agency, firm, person, corporation, or voluntary
25 association using a name other than its own in collecting its own claims with
26 the intention of conveying, or which tends to convey, the impression that a
27 third party has been employed, is conducting a collection agency business
28 within the meaning of this chapter;

29 (B) a person who sells, attempts to sell, gives away, or attempts
30 to give away to another person, other than a **collection agency**, [LICENSEE
31 UNDER THIS CHAPTER] a system of collection letters, demand forms, or

1 other printed matter **on which** [WHERE] the name of a person other than a
 2 creditor appears in a manner to indicate that a request or demand is being made
 3 by another person, other than the creditor, for the payment of a sum due, or
 4 asserted to be due, or who solicits or accepts accounts for collection on a
 5 contingent or percentage basis or by a fee or outright purchase for collection
 6 purposes, is considered to be in the collection agency business within the
 7 meaning of this chapter;

8 * **Sec. 28.** AS 08.32.085(a) is amended to read:

9 (a) The board shall issue a restorative function endorsement to a licensed
 10 dental hygienist if the licensee furnishes evidence satisfactory to the board that the
 11 licensee has

12 (1) successfully completed a course offered by or under the auspices of
 13 a program accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation of the American
 14 Dental Association or other equivalent course or program approved by the board; and

15 (2) passed the Western Regional Examining Board's restorative
 16 examination or other equivalent examination approved by the board within the five
 17 years preceding the licensee's endorsement application [, OR THE LICENSEE IS
 18 LICENSED, CERTIFIED, OR OTHERWISE PERMITTED IN ANOTHER STATE
 19 OR UNITED STATES TERRITORY TO PERFORM RESTORATIVE
 20 FUNCTIONS].

21 * **Sec. 29.** AS 08.36.243(a) is amended to read:

22 (a) An applicant for a specialist license must

23 (1) hold a license issued by the board in accordance with AS 08.36.110
 24 [OR 08.36.234]; and

25 (2) meet additional qualifications for a specialist license in a specified
 26 branch of dentistry as established by the board by regulation.

27 * **Sec. 30.** AS 08.48.055(b) is amended to read:

28 (b) The executive administrator of the board shall perform duties as prescribed
 29 by the board [, INCLUDING THE REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF COMITY
 30 APPLICATIONS].

31 * **Sec. 31.** AS 08.48.181 is amended to read:

1 **Sec. 08.48.181. Registration upon examination.** For [EXCEPT AS
 2 PROVIDED IN AS 08.48.191, FOR] registration as a professional architect,
 3 professional engineer, professional land surveyor, or professional landscape architect,
 4 a person shall be examined in this state in accordance with the regulations of
 5 procedure and standards adopted by the board under AS 44.62 (Administrative
 6 Procedure Act). The procedure and standards shall at least meet the requirements
 7 adopted by recognized national examining councils for these professions.

8 * **Sec. 32.** AS 08.64.315 is amended to read:

9 **Sec. 08.64.315. Fees.** The department shall set fees under AS 08.01.065 for
 10 each of the following:

- 11 (1) application;
- 12 (2) license by examination;
- 13 (3) license by [ENDORSEMENT OR] waiver of examination;
- 14 (4) temporary permit;
- 15 (5) locum tenens permit;
- 16 (6) license renewal, active;
- 17 (7) license renewal, inactive;
- 18 (8) license by reexamination.

19 * **Sec. 33.** AS 08.65.080 is amended to read:

20 **Sec. 08.65.080. Renewal.** A certificate issued under AS 08.65.050 [OR
 21 08.65.070] expires on a date determined by the board and may be renewed every two
 22 years upon payment of the required fee and the submission of evidence satisfactory to
 23 the board that the certified direct-entry midwife has met the continuing education
 24 requirements of the board, has demonstrated continued practical professional
 25 competence under regulations adopted by the board, and has not committed an act that
 26 is a ground for discipline under AS 08.65.110.

27 * **Sec. 34.** AS 08.72.274 is amended to read:

28 **Sec. 08.72.274. Dispensing optician exemption [EXEMPTION].** Except for
 29 AS 08.72.275, this chapter and regulations adopted under this chapter do not limit the
 30 practice of a dispensing [AN] optician [LICENSED UNDER AS 08.71].

31 * **Sec. 35.** AS 08.72.274 is amended by adding new subsections to read:

1 (b) A dispensing optician may only fit contact lenses in conjunction with and
 2 under the supervision of a licensed physician or an optometrist and with a written
 3 prescription for the contact lenses showing that the prescription may be filled for
 4 contact lenses and requiring that the patient return to see the prescribing physician or
 5 optometrist. A dispensing optician may not prepare contact lenses by neutralizing a
 6 person's eyeglasses or spectacles.

7 (c) In this section, "dispensing optician" means a person who, upon written
 8 prescription from a licensed physician or optometrist, prepares and dispenses to the
 9 intended wearer or person who writes the prescription original or duplicate lenses,
 10 eyeglasses, contact lenses, and appurtenances to them and, in accordance with the
 11 written prescription for the aid or correction of visual or ocular anomalies of the
 12 human eye, interprets, measures, and adapts, fits, and adjusts to the face lenses,
 13 eyeglasses, contact lenses, and appurtenances to them.

14 * **Sec. 36.** AS 08.80.030(b) is amended to read:

15 (b) In order to fulfill its responsibilities, the board has the powers necessary
 16 for implementation and enforcement of this chapter, including the power to

17 (1) elect a president and secretary from its membership and adopt rules
 18 for the conduct of its business;

19 (2) license by examination [OR BY LICENSE TRANSFER] the
 20 applicants who are qualified to engage in the practice of pharmacy;

21 (3) assist the department in inspections and investigations for
 22 violations of this chapter, or of any other state or federal statute relating to the practice
 23 of pharmacy;

24 (4) adopt regulations to carry out the purposes of this chapter;

25 (5) establish and enforce compliance with professional standards and
 26 rules of conduct for pharmacists engaged in the practice of pharmacy;

27 (6) determine standards for recognition and approval of degree
 28 programs of schools and colleges of pharmacy whose graduates shall be eligible for
 29 licensure in this state, including the specification and enforcement of requirements for
 30 practical training, including internships;

31 (7) establish for pharmacists and pharmacies minimum specifications

1 for the physical facilities, technical equipment, personnel, and procedures for the
2 storage, compounding, and dispensing of drugs or related devices, and for the
3 monitoring of drug therapy, including independent monitoring of drug therapy;

4 (8) enforce the provisions of this chapter relating to the conduct or
5 competence of pharmacists practicing in the state, and the suspension, revocation, or
6 restriction of licenses to engage in the practice of pharmacy;

7 (9) license and regulate the training, qualifications, and employment of
8 pharmacy interns and pharmacy technicians;

9 (10) license and regulate the qualifications of entities and individuals
10 engaged in the manufacture or distribution of drugs and related devices;

11 (11) establish and maintain a controlled substance prescription
12 database as provided in AS 17.30.200;

13 (12) establish standards for the independent prescribing and
14 administration of vaccines and related emergency medications under AS 08.80.168,
15 including the completion of an immunization training program approved by the board
16 and an epinephrine auto-injector training program under AS 17.22.020(b);

17 (13) establish standards for the independent prescribing and dispensing
18 by a pharmacist of an opioid overdose drug under AS 17.20.085, including the
19 completion of an opioid overdose training program approved by the board;

20 (14) require that a licensed pharmacist who dispenses a schedule II, III,
21 or IV controlled substance under federal law to a person in the state register with the
22 controlled substance prescription database under AS 17.30.200(n);

23 (15) establish the qualifications and duties of the executive
24 administrator and delegate authority to the executive administrator that is necessary to
25 conduct board business;

26 (16) license and inspect the facilities of pharmacies, manufacturers,
27 wholesale drug distributors, third-party logistics providers, and outsourcing facilities
28 located outside the state under AS 08.80.159;

29 (17) license Internet-based pharmacies providing services to residents
30 in the state;

31 (18) adopt regulations pertaining to retired pharmacist status.

1 * **Sec. 37.** AS 08.80.400 is amended to read:

2 **Sec. 08.80.400. Exemptions [OTHER LICENSEES NOT AFFECTED].**

3 This chapter does not affect the practice of medicine by a licensed medical doctor and
4 does not limit

5 **(1)** a licensed medical doctor, osteopath, podiatrist, physician assistant,
6 advanced practice registered nurse, dentist, veterinarian, [DISPENSING OPTICIAN,]
7 or optometrist in supplying a patient with any medicinal preparation or article within
8 the scope of the person's license; or

9 **(2) a dispensing optician as defined in AS 08.72.274(c) in supplying**
10 **a patient with any medicinal preparation or article within the scope of the**
11 **person's practice.**

12 * **Sec. 38.** AS 08.84.030 is amended to read:

13 **Sec. 08.84.030. Qualifications for licensing.** (a) To be eligible for licensure
14 by the board as a physical therapist or physical therapist assistant, an applicant, unless
15 a graduate of a foreign school of physical therapy located outside the United States,
16 shall

17 (1) have graduated from a professional physical therapy education
18 program that includes supervised field work and is accredited by a national
19 accreditation agency approved by the board;

20 (2) pass, to the satisfaction of the board, an examination prepared by a
21 national testing service approved by the board to determine the applicant's fitness for
22 practice as a physical therapist or physical therapist assistant [, OR BE ENTITLED
23 TO LICENSURE WITHOUT EXAMINATION AS PROVIDED IN AS 08.84.060];
24 and

25 (3) meet qualifications for licensure established in regulations adopted
26 by the board under AS 08.84.010(b).

27 (b) To be eligible for licensure by the board as an occupational therapist or
28 occupational therapy assistant, an applicant, unless a graduate of a foreign school of
29 occupational therapy located outside the United States, shall

30 (1) have graduated from a professional occupational therapy education
31 program that includes supervised field work and is accredited by a national

1 accreditation agency approved by the board;

2 (2) pass, to the satisfaction of the board, an examination prepared by a
3 national testing service approved by the board or an examination recognized by a
4 national accreditation agency approved by the board to determine the applicant's
5 fitness for practice as an occupational therapist or occupational therapy assistant [, OR
6 BE ENTITLED TO LICENSURE WITHOUT EXAMINATION UNDER
7 AS 08.84.060]; and

8 (3) meet qualifications for licensure established in regulations adopted
9 by the board under AS 08.84.010(b).

10 * **Sec. 39.** AS 08.84.065(a) is amended to read:

11 (a) The board may issue a nonrenewable temporary permit to an applicant for
12 licensure [BY ACCEPTANCE OF CREDENTIALS OR] by examination who

13 (1) meets the requirements of

14 (A) AS 08.84.030(a)(1) or (b)(1); or

15 (B) AS 08.84.032(a)(2) and (4) or (b)(2) and (4); and

16 (2) pays the required fee.

17 * **Sec. 40.** AS 08.95.125(d) is amended to read:

18 (d) An individual's temporary license becomes invalid, notwithstanding (b)
19 [AND (c)] of this section, if the individual's application for a permanent license under
20 AS 08.95.110 [OR 08.95.120] is rejected by the board. The temporary license
21 becomes invalid on the date of board action rejecting the license application.

22 * **Sec. 41.** AS 09.55.560(2) is amended to read:

23 (2) "health care provider" means an acupuncturist licensed under
24 AS 08.06; an audiologist or speech-language pathologist licensed under AS 08.11; a
25 chiropractor licensed under AS 08.20; a dental hygienist licensed under AS 08.32; a
26 dentist licensed under AS 08.36; a nurse licensed under AS 08.68; a dispensing
27 optician **as defined in AS 08.72.274(c)** [LICENSED UNDER AS 08.71]; a naturopath
28 licensed under AS 08.45; an optometrist licensed under AS 08.72; a pharmacist
29 licensed under AS 08.80; a physical therapist or occupational therapist licensed under
30 AS 08.84; a physician or physician assistant licensed under AS 08.64; a podiatrist; a
31 psychologist and a psychological associate licensed under AS 08.86; a hospital as

1 defined in AS 47.32.900, including a governmentally owned or operated hospital; an
 2 employee of a health care provider acting within the course and scope of employment;
 3 an ambulatory surgical facility and other organizations whose primary purpose is the
 4 delivery of health care, including a health maintenance organization, individual
 5 practice association, integrated delivery system, preferred provider organization or
 6 arrangement, and a physical hospital organization;

7 * **Sec. 42.** AS 12.62.400(a) is amended by adding a new paragraph to read:

8 (24) licensure as a private applicator of restricted-use pesticides,
 9 person engaged in the custom, commercial, or contract spraying or application of
 10 pesticides and broadcast chemicals, and other person engaged in the spraying or
 11 application of pesticides and broadcast chemicals in public places under
 12 AS 46.03.320.

13 * **Sec. 43.** AS 16.05.330(a) is amended to read:

14 (a) Except as otherwise permitted in this chapter, without having the
 15 appropriate license, tag, or permit in actual possession, a person may not engage in

16 (1) sport fishing, including the taking of razor clams;

17 (2) hunting or trapping;

18 (3) the farming of fish, fur, or game; **or**

19 (4) [TAXIDERMY OR] fur dealing [; OR

20 (5) CONTROL OF NUISANCE WILD BIRDS AND NUISANCE
 21 WILD SMALL MAMMALS FOR COMPENSATION].

22 * **Sec. 44.** AS 16.05.340(b) is amended to read:

23 (b) The commissioner may issue without cost a permit to collect fish and
 24 game, including fur animals, subject to limitations and provisions that are appropriate,
 25 for a scientific, propagative, or educational purpose. [THE COMMISSIONER ALSO
 26 MAY ISSUE WITHOUT COST A PERMIT FOR THE NONCOMMERCIAL
 27 CONTROL OF NUISANCE WILD BIRDS OR NUISANCE WILD SMALL
 28 MAMMALS.] The commissioner also may issue a permit for the collection of bivalve
 29 spat for use in connection with an aquatic farm. In addition, the commissioner shall
 30 issue a permit for the collecting of wild fur animals for improving the genetic stock of
 31 fur farm animals. Permits issued under this subsection shall be in accordance with

1 current sustained yield management practices for the species of wild game for which
 2 the permit is requested. The annual permit fee for an Alaska resident to collect wild
 3 fur animals for fur farming purposes is the same as the fee for resident trappers.

4 * **Sec. 45.** AS 18.08.080(b) is amended to read:

5 (b) The department may charge fees set by regulation for the certification or
 6 licensure of individuals and organizations under this chapter. **The total fees collected**
 7 **for a certificate or license for an emergency medical technician, emergency**
 8 **medical technician instructor, emergency medical dispatcher, or mobile intensive**
 9 **care paramedic under AS 18.08.082 may not exceed the national average of the**
 10 **total fees collected for those occupations, as determined by the department. The**
 11 **department shall annually review the total fees collected for each occupation to**
 12 **ensure that the total fees collected do not exceed the national average of the total**
 13 **fees collected for that occupation.**

14 * **Sec. 46.** AS 18.08 is amended by adding a new section to read:

15 **Sec. 18.08.083. Reciprocity.** (a) The department shall issue to an applicant a
 16 certificate or license to practice an occupation certified or licensed under
 17 AS 18.08.082 if the applicant is certified or licensed to practice a comparable
 18 occupation in another jurisdiction, meets the requirements of this section, and applies
 19 to the department in the manner prescribed by the department. An application must
 20 include evidence satisfactory to the department that the applicant

21 (1) holds a current certificate or license in another state, district, or
 22 territory of the United States that the applicant has actively used during the two years
 23 immediately preceding the date of application;

24 (2) if required by the department for obtaining the certificate or
 25 license, has been fingerprinted and has provided the fees required by the Department
 26 of Public Safety under AS 12.62.160 for criminal justice information and a national
 27 criminal history record check; the fingerprints and fees shall be forwarded to the
 28 Department of Public Safety to obtain a report of criminal justice information under
 29 AS 12.62 and a national criminal history record check under AS 12.62.400;

30 (3) is in good standing with the certifying or licensing authority of

31 (A) the jurisdiction that issued the applicant's existing

1 certificate or license; and

2 (B) any other jurisdiction that has issued the applicant a
3 comparable certificate or license to the certificate or license applied for; and

4 (4) pays any fees required under this chapter.

5 (b) An applicant issued a certificate or license under this section to practice an
6 occupation is exempt from other initial certification or licensure requirements, but is
7 otherwise subject to all laws and regulations that apply to the certificate or license and
8 the practice of the occupation.

9 * **Sec. 47.** AS 18.23.070(3) is amended to read:

10 (3) "health care provider" means an acupuncturist licensed under
11 AS 08.06; a chiropractor licensed under AS 08.20; a dental hygienist licensed under
12 AS 08.32; a dentist licensed under AS 08.36; a nurse licensed under AS 08.68; a
13 dispensing optician **as defined in AS 08.72.274(c)** [LICENSED UNDER AS 08.71];
14 an optometrist licensed under AS 08.72; a pharmacist licensed under AS 08.80; a
15 physical therapist or occupational therapist licensed under AS 08.84; a physician
16 licensed under AS 08.64; a podiatrist; a psychologist and a psychological associate
17 licensed under AS 08.86; a hospital as defined in AS 47.32.900, including a
18 governmentally owned or operated hospital; and an employee of a health care provider
19 acting within the course and scope of employment;

20 * **Sec. 48.** AS 28.15.046(b) is amended to read:

21 (b) The department may not issue a license under this section unless the
22 applicant

23 (1) is at least 21 years of age;

24 (2) has had a license to operate a motor vehicle at least three years
25 before the date of application;

26 (3) has successfully completed all required driving, written, and
27 physical examinations;

28 (4) has submitted the applicant's fingerprints, the fees required by the
29 Department of Public Safety under AS 12.62.160 for criminal justice information and
30 a national criminal history record check, and other information sufficient to complete a
31 background check consisting of a fingerprint check of national criminal records and

1 state criminal records of the state or states in which the applicant has resided for the
 2 past 10 years; the department shall submit the fingerprints and fees to the Department
 3 of Public Safety for a report of criminal justice information under AS 12.62 and a
 4 national criminal history record check under AS 12.62.400;

5 (5) **meets one of the following conditions:**

6 (A) has completed a state approved school bus driver training
 7 course established under AS 14.07.020(a)(14);

8 (B) [OR] has for the previous two years been licensed by the
 9 state to operate a school bus; **or**

10 (C) **holds a valid license in another state, district, or**
 11 **territory of the United States comparable to a license under this section**
 12 **that the applicant has actively used during the two years immediately**
 13 **preceding the date of application.**

14 * **Sec. 49.** AS 28.15.271(a) is amended to read:

15 (a) The fees for **noncommercial** drivers' licenses and permits, including
 16 renewals, and all related driver skills tests are as follows:

17 (1) all [NONCOMMERCIAL] vehicles and motor-driven cycles

18 (A) each license fee \$20;

19 (B) each driver skills test \$15;

20 (2) [ALL COMMERCIAL MOTOR VEHICLES

21 (A) EACH LICENSE FEE \$100;

22 (B) EACH DRIVER SKILLS TEST \$25;

23 (3)] instruction permit \$15;

24 **(3)** [(4)] duplicate of driver's license or instruction permit \$15;

25 **(4)** [(5)] temporary license and renewal of permit \$5 [;

26 (6) SCHOOL BUS DRIVER'S ENDORSEMENT RENEWAL .. \$5].

27 * **Sec. 50.** AS 28.15.271(b) is amended to read:

28 (b) In addition to the fees under (a) **and (f)** of this section,

29 (1) a person who renews a driver's license by mail shall pay a fee of
 30 \$1;

31 (2) a person who applies for a limited driver's license under

1 AS 28.15.201 shall pay a fee of \$100;

2 (3) a person who applies for reinstatement of a driver's license under
3 AS 28.15.211 shall pay a fee of

4 (A) \$100 if the person's driver's license has, within the 10 years
5 preceding the application, been suspended, revoked, or limited under the
6 provisions of this chapter, except as provided by (C) of this paragraph, only
7 once;

8 (B) \$250 if the person's driver's license has, within the 10 years
9 preceding the application, been suspended, revoked, or limited under the
10 provisions of this chapter, except as provided by (D) of this paragraph, two or
11 more times;

12 (C) \$200 if the person's driver's license has, within the 10 years
13 preceding the application, been revoked under AS 28.35.030 or 28.35.032 only
14 once; or

15 (D) \$500 if the person's driver's license has, within the 10 years
16 preceding the application, been revoked under AS 28.35.030 or 28.35.032 two
17 or more times; and

18 (4) a person who applies for a driver's license that is federally
19 compliant shall pay a fee of \$20.

20 * **Sec. 51.** AS 28.15.271 is amended by adding new subsections to read:

21 (f) The department shall establish the fee levels for a

22 (1) commercial driver's license;

23 (2) commercial driver's permit;

24 (3) commercial driver's license or permit renewal;

25 (4) duplicate of a commercial driver's license;

26 (5) school bus driver endorsement renewal; and

27 (6) any related driver skills test.

28 (g) The total fees collected for a license, permit, or endorsement under (f) of
29 this section may not exceed the national average of the total fees collected for similar
30 licenses, permits, or endorsements, as determined by the department. The department
31 shall annually review the total fees collected for each license, permit, and endorsement

1 to ensure that the total fees collected do not exceed the national average of the total
2 fees collected for similar licenses, permits, or endorsements.

3 * **Sec. 52.** AS 28.33.100(a) is amended to read:

4 (a) A person may not drive a commercial motor vehicle until the person
5 applies for and is issued a license for that purpose under AS 28.15.041. The
6 department may not issue a license to drive a commercial motor vehicle unless the
7 applicant

8 (1) is at least 18 years of age, to operate in intrastate commerce, or at
9 least 21 years of age, to operate in interstate commerce, except as provided in (f) of
10 this section;

11 (2) **meets one of the following conditions:**

12 (A) has successfully completed all required driving tests and
13 written and physical examinations; **or**

14 (B) **holds a valid license to drive a commercial motor**
15 **vehicle in another state, district, or territory of the United States**
16 **comparable to a license under this section that the applicant has actively**
17 **used during the two years immediately preceding the date of application;**

18 (3) either does not have a driver's license issued by another jurisdiction
19 or surrenders all driver's licenses issued by other jurisdictions; and

20 (4) is domiciled in this state.

21 * **Sec. 53.** AS 43.70.020(d) is amended to read:

22 (d) A person engaging in a business subject to licensing provisions of a
23 regulatory nature [(FOR EXAMPLE, THE REQUIREMENT OF POSTING A BOND
24 BEFORE BEGINNING BUSINESS AS A COLLECTION AGENCY)] must, in
25 addition to filing the regular application required by this section, comply with those
26 regulatory provisions before being entitled to a license under this chapter. The
27 department may establish that a license that is issued under this section expires at the
28 same time as a license, certificate, permit, registration, or similar document issued
29 under AS 08.

30 * **Sec. 54.** AS 46.03.320(b) is amended to read:

31 (b) The department may provide by regulation for the licensing of or

1 temporary license waiver for private applicators of restricted-use pesticides, for
 2 persons engaged in the custom, commercial, or contract spraying or application of
 3 pesticides and broadcast chemicals, and for other persons engaged in the spraying or
 4 application of pesticides and broadcast chemicals in public places. A person engaged
 5 in the custom, commercial, or contract spraying or application of pesticides and
 6 broadcast chemicals may, by regulation, be required to secure a surety bond or liability
 7 insurance. **The department shall establish fee levels to apply for and renew a**
 8 **license to practice an occupation under this subsection. The total fees collected**
 9 **for each occupation may not exceed the national average of the total fees collected**
 10 **for that occupation, as determined by the department. The department shall**
 11 **annually review the total fees collected for each occupation to ensure that the**
 12 **total fees collected for each occupation do not exceed the national average of the**
 13 **total fees collected for that occupation.**

14 * **Sec. 55.** AS 46.03.320 is amended by adding new subsections to read:

15 (e) If the department provides by regulation for the licensing of an occupation
 16 under (b) of this section, the department shall issue to an applicant a license to practice
 17 that occupation if the applicant holds a comparable license in another jurisdiction,
 18 meets the requirements of this subsection, and applies to the department in the manner
 19 prescribed by the department. An application must include evidence satisfactory to the
 20 department that the applicant

21 (1) holds a current comparable license in another state, district, or
 22 territory of the United States that the applicant has actively used during the two years
 23 immediately preceding the date of application;

24 (2) if required by the department for obtaining a license, has been
 25 fingerprinted and has provided the fees required by the Department of Public Safety
 26 under AS 12.62.160 for criminal justice information and a national criminal history
 27 record check; the fingerprints and fees shall be forwarded to the Department of Public
 28 Safety to obtain a report of criminal justice information under AS 12.62 and a national
 29 criminal history record check under AS 12.62.400;

30 (3) is in good standing with the licensing authority of

31 (A) the jurisdiction that issued the applicant's existing license;

1 and

2 (B) any other jurisdiction that has issued the applicant a
3 comparable license to the license applied for; and

4 (4) pays any fees required by the department.

5 (f) An applicant issued a license under (e) of this section to practice an
6 occupation is subject to all other laws and regulations that apply to the license and the
7 practice of the occupation.

8 * **Sec. 56.** AS 08.01.010(18), 08.01.065(f), 08.01.065(g), 08.01.065(h), 08.01.065(i),
9 08.01.065(k); AS 08.04.195; AS 08.13.100(d); AS 08.15.080(2); AS 08.20.141;
10 AS 08.24.045, 08.24.090(b)(7), 08.24.090(c), 08.24.100, 08.24.110, 08.24.120, 08.24.130,
11 08.24.135, 08.24.140(a), 08.24.150, 08.24.160, 08.24.170, 08.24.190, 08.24.200, 08.24.230,
12 08.24.240, 08.24.290, 08.24.310, 08.24.370; AS 08.29.120; AS 08.32.030; AS 08.36.234;
13 AS 08.38.050; AS 08.40.120(b), 08.40.270(b); AS 08.42.070; AS 08.48.191;
14 AS 08.54.770(d), 08.54.770(e); AS 08.61.040(9)(A); AS 08.63.140; AS 08.64.250(a)(1);
15 AS 08.65.070; AS 08.68.200, 08.68.210(a), 08.68.220(1)(C), 08.68.220(2)(C),
16 08.68.220(3)(C); AS 08.70.110(b); AS 08.71.055, 08.71.080, 08.71.090, 08.71.110,
17 08.71.120, 08.71.130, 08.71.140, 08.71.145, 08.71.160, 08.71.163, 08.71.165, 08.71.170,
18 08.71.180, 08.71.200, 08.71.230, 08.71.240; AS 08.72.170, 08.72.191(3); AS 08.80.145,
19 08.80.160(3); AS 08.84.050(3), 08.84.060, 08.84.065(b); AS 08.86.140(a)(3), 08.86.150;
20 AS 08.88.263; AS 08.95.120, 08.95.125(a)(1)(B), 08.95.125(a)(2)(B), 08.95.125(c);
21 AS 08.98.184, 08.98.190(3); AS 12.62.400(a)(4); AS 16.05.255(a)(12), 16.05.340(a)(13),
22 16.05.340(a)(25), 16.05.340(h), and 16.05.940(36) are repealed.

23 * **Sec. 57.** The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section to
24 read:

25 TRANSITION: EXISTING LICENSES, CERTIFICATES, PERMITS,
26 REGISTRATIONS, AND ENDORSEMENTS. On and after July 1, 2025, a person who holds
27 a valid license, certificate, permit, registration, or endorsement by reciprocity, comity,
28 credentials, or endorsement issued under AS 08 or AS 18.08, as those sections read on
29 June 30, 2025, may continue to practice under the license, certificate, permit, registration, or
30 endorsement until the license, certificate, permit, registration, or endorsement expires
31 normally or is suspended or revoked under AS 08 or AS 18.08, as those sections read on

1 June 30, 2025.

2 * **Sec. 58.** This Act takes effect July 1, 2025.