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# A Bill

SENATE BILL 457

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## For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS LAW TO WAIVE OCCUPATIONAL OR  
9 PROFESSIONAL LICENSE FEES ASSESSED BY THE STATE FOR  
10 EMPLOYEES OF STATE AGENCIES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

## Subtitle

14 TO AMEND ARKANSAS LAW TO WAIVE  
15 OCCUPATIONAL OR PROFESSIONAL LICENSE FEES  
16 ASSESSED BY THE STATE FOR EMPLOYEES OF  
17 STATE AGENCIES.

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20 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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22 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 17, Chapter 1, Subchapter 1, is amended  
23 to add an additional section to read as follows:

24 17-1-111. Waiver of state occupational or professional license fee for  
25 employee of state agency.

26 (a) As used in this section:

27 (1) "Occupational or professional license" means a license,  
28 certificate, registration, permit, or other form of authorization;

29 (A) Issued by an occupational or professional licensing  
30 entity within the executive or legislative departments of state government;  
31 and

32 (B) Required by Arkansas law or rule for an individual to  
33 engage in a particular occupation or profession;

34 (2) "Occupational or professional licensing entity" means an  
35 office, board, commission, department, council, bureau, or other agency of  
36 the executive or legislative departments of state government having authority



1 to license, certify, register, permit, or otherwise authorize an individual  
2 to engage in a particular occupation or profession; and

3 (3) "State agency" means:

4 (A) Every board, commission, department, division, or  
5 office of state government within the executive, legislative, and judicial  
6 departments; and

7 (B) All state-supported postsecondary educational  
8 institutions, including without limitation colleges and universities,  
9 vocational and technical schools, and community colleges.

10 (b) An occupational or professional licensing entity shall waive the  
11 fee assessed by the state for an occupational or professional license for an  
12 individual employed by a state agency if the individual requires an  
13 occupational or professional license to perform his or her job duties for the  
14 state agency.

15 (c) Subsection (b) of this section does not apply to an individual  
16 employed:

17 (A) By the state agency employing the individual for less than  
18 one (1) year; or

19 (B) By a state agency on less than a full-time basis.

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