

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HOUSE BILL NO. 46

BY BUSINESS COMMITTEE

AN ACT

1 RELATING TO CERTIFIED SHORTHAND REPORTERS; AMENDING SECTION 54-3107, IDAHO
2 CODE, TO REVISE PROVISIONS REGARDING EXAMINATION AND TO MAKE A TECHNICAL
3 CORRECTION; AMENDING SECTION 54-3108, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE FOR A
4 NEW TYPE OF EXAMINATION AND TO MAKE TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS; AND AMENDING
5 CHAPTER 31, TITLE 54, IDAHO CODE, BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SECTION
6 54-3109A, IDAHO CODE, TO ESTABLISH PROVISIONS REGARDING CERTIFICATION
7 BY ENDORSEMENT.
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9 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Idaho:

10 SECTION 1. That Section 54-3107, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby
11 amended to read as follows:

12 54-3107. POWERS AND DUTIES. The state certified shorthand reporters
13 board shall have the following powers and duties:

14 (1) To determine the qualifications of persons applying for certifi-
15 cates and the renewal of a certificate under this chapter.

16 (2) To prescribe, administer, and ~~determine a passing grade for the~~
17 approve examination of applicants applying for certificates under this
18 chapter, including examinations that are administered electronically or
19 online.

20 (3) To collect the fees and charges prescribed by this chapter.

21 (4) To execute and issue temporary permits and certified shorthand re-
22 porters certificates under the conditions prescribed in this chapter.

23 (5) To refuse to issue, refuse to renew, revoke or suspend or otherwise
24 discipline any certificate or permit upon the grounds and in the manner pre-
25 scribed by this chapter.

26 (6) To make rules to carry out the intent and purposes of this chapter.

27 (7) The board may, by written agreement, authorize the bureau of occu-
28 pational licenses as its agent to act in its interest.

29 SECTION 2. That Section 54-3108, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby
30 amended to read as follows:

31 54-3108. QUALIFICATIONS -- REQUIRED EXAMINATION -- RENEWAL OF CER-
32 TIFICATES. (1) Applicants for certification must take and pass the Idaho
33 certified shorthand reporter examination. Alternatively, applicants for
34 certification must provide proof, satisfactory to the board, of having
35 passed one (1) of the following examinations within the two (2) years prior
36 to the date of the application:

37 (a) The registered professional reporter (RPR) examination;

38 (b) The registered merit reporter (RMR) examination;

39 (c) The registered diplomate reporter (RDR) examination; ~~or~~

40 (d) The certified realtime reporter (CRR) examination; or

1 (e) The certified realtime captioner (CRC) examination.

2 (2) Any applicant who is a lawful resident of the United States of good
3 moral character, having graduated from an accredited high school or having
4 had an equivalent education, shall be entitled to receive a certificate as
5 a certified shorthand reporter upon payment of the fees required by this
6 chapter. All applications shall be in such form as prescribed by the board
7 and filed with the board at least thirty (30) days prior to the announced
8 date of the reporters examination. The board in its discretion may make such
9 additional investigation and inquiry, or require additional information
10 from the applicant, as it shall deem necessary in determining the qualifica-
11 tions of the applicant. The board shall thereupon notify the applicant as to
12 whether their application to take the reporters examination is accepted.

13 (3) All certified shorthand reporter certificates shall be issued for
14 a period of one (1) year and shall be renewable upon payment of a renewal
15 fee. The renewal and reinstatement of all certificates issued under the pro-
16 visions of this chapter shall be in accordance with section 67-2614, Idaho
17 Code.

18 SECTION 3. That Chapter 31, Title 54, Idaho Code, be, and the same is
19 hereby amended by the addition thereto of a NEW SECTION, to be known and des-
20 ignated as Section 54-3109A, Idaho Code, and to read as follows:

21 54-3109A. ENDORSEMENT -- CERTIFICATION. The board, upon application
22 and the payment of the required fee, may issue a shorthand reporter certifi-
23 cate by endorsement to a person who is of good moral character, who holds
24 a shorthand reporter certificate of qualification or license issued to
25 that person by the proper authority of any state or territory of the United
26 States, and who:

27 (1) Provides official documentation that the individual has passed
28 at any time one (1) of the examinations set forth in section 54-3108, Idaho
29 Code; and

30 (2) Provides documentation that the individual has continually worked
31 as a certified shorthand reporter for at least three (3) of the last five (5)
32 years immediately prior to application.