SENATE BILL NO. 817

102ND GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY SENATOR BROWN (26).

3653S.02I KRISTINA MARTIN, Secretary

AN ACT

To amend chapter 324, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to professional licensing.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Chapter 324, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto

- 2 one new section, to be known as section 324.004, to read as
- 3 follows:
 - 324.004. 1. Any person who has at least three years
- 2 of work experience in an occupation or profession in another
- 3 state, the District of Columbia, or any combination of such
- 4 jurisdictions, and whose work experience involved the
- 5 practice of an occupation or profession for which a license
- 6 is not required in the jurisdiction or jurisdictions in
- 7 which the person worked but is required in this state, may
- 8 submit an application for a one-time nonrenewable two-year
- 9 temporary license in this state in the occupation or
- 10 profession, along with proof of at least three years of work
- 11 experience in the occupation or profession and a fee as set
- 12 by regulation of the oversight body, to the relevant
- 13 oversight body in this state. The oversight body shall make
- 14 a determination of qualification within forty-five days of
- 15 receiving a completed application. As used in this section,
- 16 "oversight body" shall mean any board, department, agency,
- 17 or office of a jurisdiction that issues occupational or
- 18 professional licenses.

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- 19 2. The oversight body shall require an applicant under 20 this section to take and pass the profession-specific 21 examination required for licensure by those applying 22 pursuant to the provisions of the oversight body's statutory and regulatory authority. An oversight body that 23 24 administers an examination on the laws of this state as part of its licensing application requirements may require an 25 26 applicant under this section to take and pass an examination 27 specific to the laws of this state.
 - 3. The oversight body shall not issue a one-time nonrenewable temporary license to any applicant described in subsection 1 of this section who has had any license in the relevant occupation or profession revoked by an oversight body outside of this state, who is currently under investigation, who has a complaint pending, or who is currently under disciplinary action.
- 4. Applicants for the one-time nonrenewable temporary
 license shall be citizens of the United States and shall
 submit legal proof of citizenship as part of the application.
 - 5. The provisions of this section shall not apply to the following:
- 40 Any occupation whose oversight body has entered into a licensing compact with another state for the 41 42 regulation of practice under the oversight body's 43 jurisdiction. The provisions of this section shall not be 44 construed to alter the authority granted by, or any 45 requirements promulgated pursuant to, any interjurisdictional or interstate compacts adopted by this 46 state or any reciprocity agreements with other states, and 47 48 whenever possible the provisions of this section shall be 49 interpreted so as to imply no conflict between it and any 50 compact or any reciprocity agreement with other states;

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51 Any occupation set forth in subsection 6 of 52 section 290.257 or any electrical contractor licensed under sections 324.900 to 324.945; 53

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- Any occupation whose regulators or licensees are 54 required to comply with specific federal statutory, 55 56 regulatory, and administrative requirements in order to 57 practice in Missouri; or
 - Assistant physicians licensed under chapter 334.
- 59 The one-time nonrenewable temporary license shall 60 expire after two years. Upon expiration, the individual 61 shall be required to apply for a permanent license in 62 accordance with the license requirements for the occupation for which he or she held the temporary license. 63
- 64 Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the 65 contrary, a license issued under this section shall be valid 66 only in this state and shall not make a licensee eligible to 67 be part of an interstate compact. An applicant who is licensed in another state pursuant to an interstate compact 68 shall not be eligible for licensure by an oversight body 69 70 under the provisions of this section.
 - 8. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, a license issued under this section shall be valid only in this state and shall not make a licensee eligible to obtain a license by reciprocity in another state.
- The division of professional registration may promulgate rules to implement the provisions of this section. Any rule or portion of a rule, as that term is 77 78 defined in section 536.010, that is created under the 79 authority delegated in this section shall become effective 80 only if it complies with and is subject to all of the 81 provisions of chapter 536 and, if applicable, section 82 536.028. This section and chapter 536 are nonseverable and

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- 83 if any of the powers vested with the general assembly
- 84 pursuant to chapter 536 to review, to delay the effective
- 85 date, or to disapprove and annul a rule are subsequently
- 86 held unconstitutional, then the grant of rulemaking
- 87 authority and any rule proposed or adopted after August 28,
- 88 2024, shall be invalid and void.

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