

**FIRST ENGROSSMENT
with House Amendments
ENGROSSED SENATE BILL NO. 2249**

Introduced by

Senators Hogue, Larsen, Vedaa

Representatives Nathe, Roers Jones, Vetter

1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new chapter to title 34 of the North Dakota Century
2 Code, relating to the efficiency of administration of occupational boards; to provide for a report
3 to the legislative management; to provide an effective date; and to declare an emergency.

4 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:**

5 **SECTION 1.** A new chapter to title 34 of the North Dakota Century Code is created and
6 enacted as follows:

7 **Definitions.**

8 1. "Board" means an occupational or professional board established under title 43.

9 2. "Commissioner" means the labor commissioner.

10 **Duties of commissioner.**

11 The commissioner shall gather information regarding the continuing education requirements
12 and the practice of licensing out-of-state practitioners for each board, the education standards
13 and practices board, and the state board of law examiners. The commissioner shall analyze the
14 information to develop and update a strategy for more efficient continuing education
15 requirements and more efficient practices for licensing out-of-state practitioners. As necessary,
16 the commissioner may recommend introduction of legislation to implement this strategy.

17 **SECTION 2. LABOR COMMISSIONER - OCCUPATIONS AND PROFESSIONS -**
18 **REPORT TO LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT.**

19 1. During the 2023-24 interim, the labor commissioner shall hold meetings with each
20 occupational board under title 43, the education standards and practices board, and
21 the state board of law examiners. The topics addressed at the meetings must include
22 administration of the boards, continuing education, and the licensure of out-of-state
23 applicants, with a goal of establishing a strategy to license out-of-state practitioners
24 within three business days of application and to revise continuing education

- 1 requirements to recognize the contributions of employers and the opportunities
2 afforded by evolving technology.
- 3 2. During the 2023-24 interim, the labor commissioner shall provide the legislative
4 management with periodic reports on the status of the commissioner's implementation
5 of this section.
- 6 3. The labor commissioner may recommend introduction of legislation for the sixty-ninth
7 legislative assembly which provides for streamlining of licensure of out-of-state
8 practitioners, and revision of continuing education requirements.

9 **SECTION 3. EFFECTIVE DATE.** Section 1 of this Act becomes effective August 1, 2023.

10 **SECTION 4. EMERGENCY.** This Act is declared to be an emergency measure.