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AN ACT

RELATING TO LICENSING; PROVIDING FOR EXPEDITED OCCUPATIONAL
AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSING OF APPLICANTS WHO ARE LICENSEES IN
GOOD STANDING IN ANOTHER JURISDICTION IN THE UNITED STATES.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

SECTION 1. A new section of the Uniform Licensing Act
is enacted to read:

"EXPEDITED LICENSURE--ISSUANCE.--

A. A state agency, board or commission that issues
an occupational or professional license pursuant to Chapter
61, Articles 2 through 14E, 24, 24A and 31 NMSA 1978 shall,
as soon as practicable after a person files an application
for a license accompanied by the required fees:

(1) process the application; and

(2) issue a license to a qualified applicant
who submits satisfactory evidence that the applicant:

(a) holds a license that is current and
in good standing issued by another jurisdiction in the United
States that has met the minimal licensing requirements that
are substantially equivalent to the licensing requirements
for the occupational or professional license the applicant
applies for pursuant to Chapter 61, Articles 2 through 14E,
24, 24A and 31 NMSA 1978; and

(b) has provided fingerprints and other SB 105
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1 information necessary for a state and national criminal
2 background check, if required.

3 B. A license issued pursuant to this section is
4 not a provisional license and confers the same rights,
5 privileges and responsibilities as a license issued pursuant
6 to Chapter 61, Articles 2 through 14E, 24, 24A and 31 NMSA
7 1978."

8 SECTION 2. EFFECTIVE DATE.--The effective date of the
9 provisions of this act is July 1, 2016. _____

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