

HOUSE BILL 2900

By Kumar

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4; Title 63 and Title 68, and Chapter 211 of the Public Acts of 2023, relative to occupational licensing.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 4-58-103(a), is amended by deleting subdivision (2) and substituting:

(2)

(A) Notwithstanding this section, a public benefit does not include a professional or commercial license for purposes of this section.

(B) Except as provided in subdivisions (a)(2)(C)(i) and (ii), to be eligible for a professional or commercial license, an applicant must show that the applicant is either a United States citizen or authorized under federal law to work in the United States as verified by the SAVE program.

(C) Instead of providing the proof of work authorization described in subdivision (a)(2)(B), an applicant for a professional license or certificate that is issued pursuant to:

(i) Title 63 or title 68 may show that the applicant has applied for a valid visa that would authorize the applicant to work in the United States under federal law; or

(ii) Title 57 may show that the applicant has a valid J-1 or F-1 student visa, as verified by the alcoholic beverage commission.

SECTION 2. Chapter 211 of the Public Acts of 2023, is amended by deleting subdivision (g)(4) in SECTION 1 and substituting:

(4) The board shall grant a full and unrestricted license to practice medicine to a temporary licensee under subdivision (g)(1)(B) or (g)(1)(C) who is in good standing two (2) years after the first date the temporary licensee begins to practice medicine at a healthcare provider in this state as a temporary licensee. A temporary licensee who obtains a full and unrestricted license is not subject to the limitation of practicing at a healthcare facility with a post-graduate training program.

SECTION 3. SECTION 1 of this act takes effect July 1, 2024, the public welfare requiring it. SECTION 2 of this act takes effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.