SENATE BILL 893

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 36; Title 40 and Title 55, relative to child support.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 36-5-701(4), is amended by deleting the subdivision and substituting:

- (4) "License":
- (A) Means a license, certification, registration, permit, approval, or other similar document issued to an individual evidencing admission to or granting authority to engage in a profession, trade, occupation, business, or industry, or to hunt or fish; and
 - (B) Does not include:
 - (i) A license to operate a motor vehicle or other conveyance; or
 - (ii) A license to practice law unless the supreme court establishes guidelines pursuant to § 36-5-713 making this part applicable to such license;

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 36-5-701(5), is amended by deleting the subdivision and substituting:

- (5) "Licensee":
- (A) Means any individual holding a license, certification, registration, permit, approval, or other similar document evidencing admission to or granting authority to engage in a profession, trade, occupation, business, or industry, or to hunt or fish; and

(B) Does not include:

- (i) An individual only with respect to the individual's license to operate a motor vehicle or other conveyance; or
- (ii) An attorney only with respect to the attorney's license to practice law unless the supreme court establishes guidelines pursuant to § 36-5-713 making this part applicable to such license;

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 36-5-701, is amended by deleting subdivision (11) in its entirety.

SECTION 4. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 36-5-705(b), is amended by deleting the subsection in its entirety.

SECTION 5. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 36-5-706(b)(3), is amended by deleting the subdivision in its entirety.

SECTION 6. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 36-5-713(a), is amended by deleting the subsection and substituting:

In addition to other qualifications for licensure or registration and conditions for continuing eligibility to hold a license as prescribed by law, rule, or regulation issued under title 43, 44, 45, 56, 62, 63, 68, 70, or 71, for an individual to engage in a profession, trade, occupation, business, or industry, or to hunt or fish, applicants for licensure, certification, or registration, licensees renewing their licenses, and existing licensees, must not be subject to a certification that the licensee is not in compliance with an order of support.

SECTION 7. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 36-5-714, is amended by deleting the section in its entirety.

SECTION 8. This act takes effect July 1, 2023, the public welfare requiring it.

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