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SYNOPSIS

Permits professional and occupational licensing boards to reactivate licensure of certain individuals during state of emergency or public health emergency.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



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1 AN ACT concerning professional and occupational licenses, and
2 supplementing P.L.1999, c.403 (C.45:1-7.1 et seq.).

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4 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State
5 of New Jersey:

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7 1. Notwithstanding the provisions of any other law, during a
8 state of emergency declared by the Governor pursuant to P.L.1942,
9 c.251 (C.App.A:9-33 et seq.), or a public health emergency declared
10 by the Governor pursuant to P.L.2005, c.222 (C.26:13-1 et seq.), and
11 with the approval of the Attorney General, a professional or
12 occupational licensing board within the Division of Consumer
13 Affairs in the Department of Law and Public Safety or, with regard
14 to any industry regulated by the division, the director of the division,
15 as applicable, may reactivate a license, certificate of registration or
16 certification on an expedited basis to any individual who held a
17 corresponding license, certificate of registration or certification, in
18 good standing at the time that the individual retired from active
19 practice or was placed on the inactive status, within the last three
20 years, or such other timeframe as the director may specify.
21 Notwithstanding the provisions of any other law to the contrary, and
22 to effectuate the purposes of this act, the board or director, as
23 applicable, may take additional action necessary to protect the public
24 health, safety and welfare, including but not limited to:

25 a. Temporarily waive any requirements contained in section 2 of
26 P.L.2013, c.182 (C.45:1-7.4), relating to the renewal, reinstatement
27 or reactivation of a license, certification or registration, including
28 fees, job listings or continuing education requirements;

29 b. Prescribe the duration and terms of any license, certificate of
30 registration or certification granted pursuant to this section; or

31 c. Require any individual granted a license, certificate of
32 registration or certification pursuant to this section to practice the
33 profession or occupation in this State, as deemed necessary to protect
34 the public health, safety and welfare.

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36 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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41 This bill allows the director of the Division of Consumer Affairs
42 in the Department of Law and Public Safety, with the approval of the
43 Attorney General, to reactivate a license, registration or certification
44 on an expedited basis when the Governor has declared a state of
45 emergency. The bill provides that the director may reactivate a
46 license, certificate of registration or certification on an expedited
47 basis to any individual who held a corresponding license, certificate
48 of registration or certification, in good standing at the time that the

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1 individual retired from active practice or was placed on the inactive
2 status, within the last three years, or such other timeframe as the
3 director may specify. The bill gives the director and applicable
4 boards the ability to waive certain requirements normally required in
5 the licensure process, to prescribe the duration and terms of any
6 license, certificate of registration or certification granted pursuant to
7 the bill, and to require any individual granted a license, certificate of
8 registration or certification to practice the profession or occupation
9 in this State, as deemed necessary to protect the public health, safety
10 and welfare.