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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.  

(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 4/13/2020)
AN ACT concerning professional and occupational licenses, and
supplementing P.L. 1999, c. 403 (C. 45: 1-7.1 et seq.).

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

1. Notwithstanding the provisions of any other law, during a
state of emergency declared by the Governor pursuant to P.L. 1942,
c. 251 (C. App. A: 9-33 et seq.), or a public health emergency declared
by the Governor pursuant to P.L. 2005, c. 222 (C. 26: 13-1 et seq.), and
with the approval of the Attorney General, a professional or
occupational licensing board within the Division of Consumer
Affairs in the Department of Law and Public Safety or, with regard
to any industry regulated by the division, the director of the division,
as applicable, may reactivate a license, certificate of registration or
certification on an expedited basis to any individual who held a
corresponding license, certificate of registration or certification, in
good standing at the time that the individual retired from active
practice or was placed on the inactive status, within the last three
years, or such other timeframe as the director may specify.
Notwithstanding the provisions of any other law to the contrary, and
to effectuate the purposes of this act, the board or director, as
applicable, may take additional action necessary to protect the public
health, safety and welfare, including but not limited to:
   a. Temporarily waive any requirements contained in section 2 of
P.L. 2013, c. 182 (C. 45: 1-7.4), relating to the renewal, reinstatement
or reactivation of a license, certification or registration, including
fees, job listings or continuing education requirements;
   b. Prescribe the duration and terms of any license, certificate of
registration or certification granted pursuant to this section; or
   c. Require any individual granted a license, certificate of
registration or certification pursuant to this section to practice the
profession or occupation in this State, as deemed necessary to protect
the public health, safety and welfare.

2. This act shall take effect immediately.

STATEMENT

This bill allows the director of the Division of Consumer Affairs
in the Department of Law and Public Safety, with the approval of the
Attorney General, to reactivate a license, registration or certification
on an expedited basis when the Governor has declared a state of
emergency. The bill provides that the director may reactivate a
license, certificate of registration or certification on an expedited
basis to any individual who held a corresponding license, certificate
of registration or certification, in good standing at the time that the
individual retired from active practice or was placed on the inactive
status, within the last three years, or such other timeframe as the
director may specify. The bill gives the director and applicable
boards the ability to waive certain requirements normally required in
the licensure process, to prescribe the duration and terms of any
license, certificate of registration or certification granted pursuant to
the bill, and to require any individual granted a license, certificate of
registration or certification to practice the profession or occupation
in this State, as deemed necessary to protect the public health, safety
and welfare.