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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 amended by the Senate on April 13, 2020.

(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 an
[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.) the
Public Health Emergency and State of Emergency declared by
the Governor in Executive Order 103 of 2020[1], and with the
approval of the Attorney General, [a] the Director of the Division
of Consumer Affairs, with respect to any or all[1] professional or
occupational licensing boards[1] within the Division of
Consumer Affairs in the Department of Law and Public Safety or
[i, with regard to] any industry regulated by the division, [the
director of the division, as applicable.] or any professional or
occupational licensing boards within the division[1] may
temporarily[1] reactivate a license, certificate of registration or
certification on an expedited basis[1], for such period as deemed
necessary by the director[1] 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, [or who while
otherwise in good standing allowed their license to lapse and was
suspended for that reason,[1] within the last [three] five 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[1], in consultation with the Commissioner of Health
or such other State department or agency as may be appropriate[1],
any individual granted a license, certificate of registration or
certification pursuant to this section to practice the profession or

EXPLANATION – Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is
not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

Matter underlined thus is new matter.
Matter enclosed in superscript numerals has been adopted as follows:

occupation in this State, as deemed necessary to protect the public health, safety and welfare; or

d. Waive compliance by any individual granted a license, certificate of registration or certification pursuant to this section with liability insurance required by statute or regulation, for acts or omissions undertaken in the course of providing health care services in support of the State’s response to the declared emergency.

2. This act shall take effect immediately and be retroactive to April 1, 2020.