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Assembly, No. 3862

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

24       a. Temporarily waive any requirements to undergo a criminal  
25 history record background check as a condition of granting a  
26 license, certificate of registration or certification by reciprocity  
27 pursuant to this section;

28       b. Temporarily waive any requirement that licensure,  
29 registration, or certification standards in another state be  
30 substantially equivalent to the standards in this State as a condition  
31 of granting a license, certificate of registration or certification by  
32 reciprocity;

33       c. Temporarily waive any licensing, registration or certification  
34 fees;

35       d. Temporarily waive any other requirements contained in  
36 section 3 of P.L.2013, c.182 (C.45:1-7.5) or any other applicable  
37 law;

38       e. Prescribe the duration and terms of any license, certificate of  
39 registration or certification granted pursuant to this section; or

40       f. Require any individual granted a license, certificate of  
41 registration or certification pursuant to this section to arrange and  
42 agree to supervision by an individual holding a license, certificate  
43 of registration or certification, in good standing, while practicing  
44 the profession or occupation in this State.

1       2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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#### STATEMENT

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6       This bill allows the director of the Division of Consumer Affairs  
7 in the Department of Law and Public Safety, with the approval of  
8 the Attorney General, to expedite the professional and occupational  
9 licensing process for out-of-state individuals when the New Jersey  
10 Governor has declared a state of emergency. The individual  
11 applying for a specific license, certificate of registration, or  
12 certification in New Jersey must have a corresponding license,  
13 certificate of registration or certification in good standing from  
14 another jurisdiction. The bill gives the director and applicable  
15 boards the ability to waive certain requirements normally required  
16 in the licensure process, such as a criminal history record  
17 background check of an individual and payment of certain fees for  
18 the license, certificate of registration or certification.

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23       Permits professional and occupational licensing boards to  
24 expedite licensure of certain individuals during state of emergency  
25 or public health emergency.