

CHAPTER 115

PERSONS COMPLETING APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAMS — LICENSURE

S.F. 424

AN ACT relating to the licensure of persons completing an apprenticeship, and including effective date provisions.

Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

Section 1. **NEW SECTION. 272C.16 Apprenticeships — licensure.**

1. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, except as provided in [chapters 100C, 100D, 103, and 105](#), beginning on the effective date of this Act, a board shall grant a license to a person who completes an apprenticeship program in the relevant occupation or profession and submits an application pursuant to [this section](#).

2. A board may require an applicant to pass an examination prior to licensure if the board requires an applicant who has completed an educational program to pass an examination prior to licensure. A board shall not require an applicant to receive a higher score on the examination than the score required of an applicant who completes an educational program.

3. A board may require an applicant to pay a licensing fee if the board requires an applicant who has completed an educational program to pay a licensing fee. A board shall not impose a licensing fee greater than the licensing fee imposed on an applicant who completes an educational program.

4. A board shall not require an applicant to complete an apprenticeship program of a greater duration than is required by federal law for that program.

5. For the purposes of [this section](#), “*apprenticeship program*” means the same as defined in [section 15B.2](#).

6. *a.* A board shall adopt rules to implement [this section](#) upon receipt of a petition for rulemaking submitted pursuant to [section 17A.7](#).

b. A board shall not grant a license pursuant to [this section](#) prior to the effective date of rules adopted by the board to implement [this section](#).

Sec. 2. **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This Act takes effect January 1, 2022.

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