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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the establishment of a committee to study
2 professional licenses administered or supervised by the
3 department of public health.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. PROFESSIONAL LICENSING LEGISLATIVE INTERIM
2 COMMITTEE.

3 1. The legislative council is requested to establish a
4 legislative interim committee composed of five members of the
5 house of representatives and five members of the senate to meet
6 during the 2014 legislative interim, to study professional
7 licenses administered or supervised by the department of public
8 health.

9 2. The committee shall work in conjunction with the
10 department of public health to conduct a study of professional
11 licenses and evaluate the effects of such licensing on the
12 economy and on public health and safety. The study shall
13 include all of the following:

14 a. Identification of all professional licenses,
15 registrations, and certifications administered by the
16 department of public health.

17 b. A review of all regulations and continuing education
18 requirements for each license, registration, or certification
19 and a comparison of those regulations and requirements to other
20 states' regulations and requirements for similar professions.

21 c. An evaluation of whether the requirements and
22 regulations for each profession are important in protecting
23 public health and safety or whether the requirements and
24 regulations are intended to address other issues.

25 d. A determination of whether the requirements and
26 regulations pertain to all licensees within the profession
27 or whether any licensees are exempt from the requirements or
28 regulations, as well as an evaluation of the possible reasons
29 for any exemptions or exceptions.

30 e. A determination of whether any regulation or requirement
31 is onerous to a particular professional.

32 f. A determination of whether specific professional
33 licenses, registrations, or certifications, or regulations,
34 requirements, or training for such licenses, registrations,
35 or certifications are necessary for public health and safety,

1 recommendations on the elimination of certain professional
2 licenses, registrations, or certifications, or regulations,
3 requirements, or training for such licenses, registrations, or
4 certifications, other recommendations, and cost projections for
5 any recommendations.

6 g. Other information the committee deems relevant.

7 3. The committee shall submit its findings and
8 recommendations to the general assembly by January 15, 2015.

9 EXPLANATION

10 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
11 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

12 This bill requests the legislative council to establish a
13 legislative interim committee to study professional licenses
14 administered or supervised by the department of public health
15 and the regulations and requirements for those licenses.

16 The bill directs the committee to work with the Iowa
17 department of public health (IDPH) to conduct a study of
18 professional licenses to evaluate the effects of licensing
19 on the economy and on public health and safety. The bill
20 states that the study must include all of the following: the
21 identification of all professional licenses, registrations, and
22 certifications administered or supervised by IDPH; a review
23 of regulations and training requirements for each license,
24 registration, or certification and a comparison to other
25 states; an evaluation of the rationale for the requirements
26 and regulations for each professional license; a review of
27 exceptions or exemptions from regulations and requirements for
28 professional licensure; a determination of the hardship of
29 regulations or requirements for the professional licensure; and
30 recommendations for elimination of regulations or requirements
31 for professional licensure, or the elimination of certain
32 professional licenses, registrations, or certifications.

33 The bill directs the committee to submit its findings to the
34 general assembly by January 15, 2015.