

House File 666 - Introduced

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BY COMMITTEE ON LABOR

(SUCCESSOR TO HSB 180)

A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to professional licensing, including by
2 providing for a review of professional licenses and allowing
3 for preapplication qualification reviews, and providing
4 fees.

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

1 Section 1. Section 2.69, subsection 4, Code 2019, is amended
2 by adding the following new paragraph:

3 NEW PARAGRAPH. *Od.* Review and analyze approximately
4 one-third of all professional licenses, certifications, and
5 registrations available in the state during each two-year
6 period, such that each license, certification, and registration
7 shall be reviewed within six years. The committee may require
8 the submission of information by the relevant licensing,
9 certifying, or registering entities and other interested
10 parties. The committee shall consider the direct and indirect
11 costs, utility, and health and safety implications of
12 requiring such licenses, certifications, and registrations.
13 The committee shall include in the report required pursuant
14 to paragraph "d" a recommendation regarding whether the
15 legislature should enact legislation that:

16 (a) Repeals a professional license, certification, or
17 registration.

18 (b) Converts an occupational license to a certification or
19 registration, or converts a certification to a registration.

20 (c) Changes the requisite qualifications for a professional
21 license, certification, or registration.

22 (d) Redefines the scope of practice of a professional
23 license, certification, or registration.

24 (e) Reflects any other recommendation made by the
25 committee.

26 Sec. 2. Section 2.69, subsection 4, paragraph d, Code 2019,
27 is amended to read as follows:

28 *d.* Issue a report, including its findings and
29 recommendations, to the general assembly. The general assembly
30 shall vote on the adoption of each report.

31 Sec. 3. Section 84A.5, Code 2019, is amended by adding the
32 following new subsection:

33 NEW SUBSECTION. 16. Maintain a list on the internet site of
34 the department of workforce development of each professional
35 license, certification, and registration issued in the state

1 and the requirements to receive each license, certification, or
2 registration. The department of workforce development shall
3 update the list as soon as practicable after the conclusion of
4 each session of the general assembly.

5 Sec. 4. NEW SECTION. 272C.13 **Disqualifications for criminal**
6 **convictions limited.**

7 An individual may petition a licensing board, in a form
8 prescribed by the licensing authority, for a determination as
9 to whether the individual's criminal record will prevent the
10 individual from receiving a license. The licensing board shall
11 issue such determinations within thirty days of receipt. The
12 licensing board may charge a fee to recoup the costs of such
13 a determination, provided that such a fee shall not exceed
14 twenty-five dollars.

15 EXPLANATION

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

18 This bill relates to professional licensing in this state.
19 The bill instructs the state government efficiency review
20 committee to review and analyze approximately one-third of
21 all professional licenses, certifications, and registrations
22 issued in the state during each two-year period in which
23 the committee must meet. The bill authorizes the committee
24 to require the submission of information from the relevant
25 licensing, certifying, and registering entities and other
26 interested parties. The bill requires the committee to
27 consider the direct and indirect costs, utility, and
28 health and safety implications of requiring such licenses,
29 certifications, and registrations. The committee is required
30 to make recommendations regarding the reviewed licenses,
31 certifications, and registrations in its statutorily mandated
32 report. The bill requires the general assembly to vote on the
33 adoption of each such report.

34 The bill requires the department of workforce development
35 to maintain on the internet site of the department a list of

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1 each professional license, certification, and registration
2 issued in the state and the requirements to receive each
3 license, certification, or registration. The bill directs the
4 department to update the list as soon as practicable after the
5 conclusion of each session of the general assembly.

6 The bill also allows a person seeking to obtain a
7 professional license to submit a petition to a licensing board
8 for a determination as to whether that person's criminal record
9 will disqualify the person from receiving a license from the
10 board. A licensing board must issue a determination within 30
11 days of receiving a petition and may charge a fee of up to \$25
12 to recoup the costs of such a determination.