

**House Study Bill 180 - Introduced**

HOUSE FILE \_\_\_\_\_

BY (PROPOSED COMMITTEE ON  
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**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.* (1) 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 (2) Any professional license, certification, or  
27 registration requirement not reviewed by the committee pursuant  
28 to subparagraph (1) or not reviewed in a report adopted by  
29 the general assembly pursuant to subsection 4, paragraph "d",  
30 within eight years of the effective date of this Act shall be  
31 repealed effective July 1, 2027.

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

34 *d.* Issue a report, including its findings and  
35 recommendations, to the general assembly. The general assembly

1 shall vote on the adoption of each report.

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

4 NEW SUBSECTION. 16. Maintain a list on the internet site of  
5 the department of workforce development of each professional  
6 license, certification, and registration issued in the state  
7 and the requirements to receive each license, certification, or  
8 registration. The department of workforce development shall  
9 update the list as soon as practicable after the conclusion of  
10 each session of the general assembly.

11 Sec. 4. NEW SECTION. **272C.13 Disqualifications for criminal**  
12 **convictions limited.**

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

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#### EXPLANATION

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

24 This bill relates to professional licensing in this state.  
25 The bill instructs the state government efficiency review  
26 committee to review and analyze approximately one-third of  
27 all professional licenses, certifications, and registrations  
28 issued in the state during each two-year period in which  
29 the committee must meet. The bill authorizes the committee  
30 to require the submission of information from the relevant  
31 licensing, certifying, and registering entities and other  
32 interested parties. The bill requires the committee to  
33 consider the direct and indirect costs, utility, and  
34 health and safety implications of requiring such licenses,  
35 certifications, and registrations. The committee is required

1 to make recommendations regarding the reviewed licenses,  
2 certifications, and registrations in its statutorily mandated  
3 report. The bill requires the general assembly to vote on the  
4 adoption of each such report. Any license, certification,  
5 or registration not reviewed by the committee or in a report  
6 adopted by the general assembly within eight years of the  
7 effective date of the bill shall be repealed effective July 1,  
8 2027.

9 The bill requires the department of workforce development  
10 to maintain on the internet site of the department a list of  
11 each professional license, certification, and registration  
12 issued in the state and the requirements to receive each  
13 license, certification, or registration. The bill directs the  
14 department to update the list as soon as practicable after the  
15 conclusion of each session of the general assembly.

16 The bill also allows a person seeking to obtain a  
17 professional license to submit a petition to a licensing board  
18 for a determination as to whether that person's criminal record  
19 will disqualify the person from receiving a license from the  
20 board. A licensing board must issue a determination within 30  
21 days of receiving a petition and may charge a fee of up to \$25  
22 to recoup the costs of such a determination.