

Senate File 163 - Introduced

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BY BROWN

A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to continuing education requirements for
2 persons holding certain professional and occupational
3 licenses.

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

1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 272C.2D Continuing education
2 requirements — extensions.

3 1. Each licensing board may extend the deadline for
4 completing continuing education requirements pursuant to
5 section 272C.2 by up to ninety days if a licensing board finds
6 that a licensee is experiencing an unforeseen financial or
7 medical hardship and the licensee submits all of the following:

8 a. A request that a deadline be extended due to an
9 unforeseen financial or medical hardship experienced by the
10 licensee or a member of the licensee's family, including an
11 explanation and evidence of the hardship.

12 b. Proof of enrollment in a program that will satisfy the
13 licensee's continuing education requirements prior to the
14 expiration of the extension.

15 2. A request for an extension of a continuing education
16 requirement deadline shall be submitted to a licensing board no
17 later than sixty days before the date the continuing education
18 requirement must be completed.

19 3. For the purposes of this section, "*unforeseen financial*
20 *or medical hardship*" means an unforeseeable emergency as defined
21 in 26 C.F.R. §1.457-6(c)(2)(i).

22 4. A licensing board shall not adopt rules to interpret or
23 implement this section.

24 EXPLANATION

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

27 This bill relates to continuing education requirements
28 for persons holding professional licenses pursuant to Code
29 chapter 272C (regulation of certain licensed professions and
30 occupations). The bill authorizes a licensing board to extend
31 the deadline to satisfy continuing education requirements by
32 up to 90 days if a board finds that a licensee is experiencing
33 an unforeseen financial or medical hardship and the licensee
34 submits a request to a licensing board to extend the deadline
35 due to the financial or medical hardship accompanied by

1 evidence that the licensee or a member of the licensee's family
2 is experiencing a financial or medical hardship. A request
3 for a deadline extension must be submitted no later than 60
4 days before the date the continuing education requirement
5 must be completed and must include proof of enrollment in a
6 program that will satisfy the continuing education requirement
7 prior to the expiration of the extension. The bill defines
8 an unforeseen medical or financial hardship the same as an
9 unforeseeable emergency in the Code of Federal Regulations.
10 An unforeseeable emergency is defined as a severe financial
11 hardship resulting from illness, accident, loss of property due
12 to casualty, or other similar extraordinary circumstance beyond
13 the licensee's control.
14 The bill prohibits licensing boards from adopting rules to
15 interpret or implement the bill.