

Senate File 424 - Introduced

SENATE FILE 424
BY COMMITTEE ON STATE
GOVERNMENT

(SUCCESSOR TO SSB 1149)

A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the licensure of persons completing an
2 apprenticeship, and including effective date provisions.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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

3 1. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary,
4 except as provided in chapters 103 and 105, beginning on the
5 effective date of this Act, a board shall grant a license to a
6 person who completes an apprenticeship program in the relevant
7 occupation or profession and submits an application pursuant to
8 this section.

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

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

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

23 5. For the purposes of this section, "*apprenticeship*
24 *program*" means the same as defined in section 15B.2.

25 6. Each board shall adopt rules for the implementation of
26 this section.

27 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act takes effect January 1,
28 2022.

29 EXPLANATION

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

32 This bill relates to the licensure of persons who complete an
33 apprenticeship program.

34 The bill requires a licensing board, as defined in Code
35 section 272C.1, to grant a license to a person who completes an

1 apprenticeship program that meets certain federal requirements
2 and if the person submits an application to the appropriate
3 board. The bill allows a board to impose the same requirements
4 regarding examinations and the payment of fees that the board
5 imposes on an applicant who has completed an educational
6 program. The bill prohibits a board from requiring an
7 applicant to complete more hours of apprenticeship training
8 than required by federal law for that program. The bill does
9 not change the provisions for apprenticeship programs for
10 licenses under Code chapter 103 (electricians and electrical
11 contractors) or Code chapter 105 (plumbers, mechanical
12 professionals, and contractors).

13 The bill defines "apprenticeship program" as a program
14 registered with the United States department of labor, office
15 of apprenticeship, which includes terms and conditions for the
16 qualification, recruitment, selection, employment, and training
17 of apprentices, including the requirement for a written
18 apprenticeship agreement.

19 The bill takes effect January 1, 2022.