

**Senate Study Bill 1149 - Introduced**

SENATE FILE \_\_\_\_\_  
BY (PROPOSED COMMITTEE ON  
STATE GOVERNMENT BILL BY  
CHAIRPERSON SMITH)

**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. Except as otherwise required by federal law, a board  
21 shall not require an applicant to complete more hours of  
22 apprenticeship training than the number of hours of education  
23 required to be completed by an applicant who completes an  
24 educational program.

25 5. For the purposes of this section, "apprenticeship" means  
26 a program that meets the requirements of 29 C.F.R. pt. 29,  
27 including an industry-recognized apprenticeship program.

28 6. Each board shall adopt rules for the implementation of  
29 this section.

30 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act takes effect January 1,  
31 2022.

32 EXPLANATION

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

35 This bill relates to the licensure of persons who complete an

1 apprenticeship program.

2     The bill requires a licensing board, as defined in Code  
3 section 272C.1, to grant a license to a person who completes an  
4 apprenticeship program that meets certain federal requirements  
5 and if the person submits an application to the appropriate  
6 board. The bill allows a board to impose the same requirements  
7 regarding examinations and the payment of fees that the board  
8 imposes on an applicant who has completed an educational  
9 program. The bill prohibits a board from requiring an  
10 applicant to complete more hours of apprenticeship training  
11 than the number of hours of education required by an applicant  
12 who completes an educational program. The bill does not change  
13 the provisions for apprenticeship programs for licenses under  
14 Code chapter 103 (electricians and electrical contractors)  
15 or Code chapter 105 (plumbers, mechanical professionals, and  
16 contractors).

17     The bill takes effect January 1, 2022.