SENATE FILE 354
BY COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT

(SUCCESSOR TO SF 163)

(As Amended and Passed by the Senate February 17, 2021)

* = Language Stricken by the Senate

A BILL FOR

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

4. This section does not prohibit a licensing board from granting a waiver pursuant to section 17A.9A.