CHAPTER 111 HB 594-FN - FINAL VERSION

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HOUSE BILL 594-FN

AN ACT relative to the licensure of out-of-state applicants to boards or commissions organized

under the office of professional licensure and certification.

SPONSORS: Rep. Schapiro, Ches. 16; Rep. McMahon, Rock. 17; Rep. Grote, Rock. 24; Rep.

Nutter-Upham, Hills. 8; Sen. Perkins Kwoka, Dist 21

COMMITTEE: Executive Departments and Administration

ANALYSIS

This bill authorizes the office of professional licensure and certification to issue licenses to out-of-state applicants who are licensed in another state, if the other state's licensing requirements are substantially similar to those in New Hampshire.

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Explanation: Matter added to current law appears in *bold italics*.

Matter removed from current law appears [in brackets and struckthrough.]

Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

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Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:

1 111:1 New Section; Office of Professional Licensure and Certification; Reciprocity Licensing Process. 2 Amend RSA 310-A by inserting after section 310-A:1-p the following new section:

310-A:1-q License Reciprocity.

- I. Notwithstanding any other state law to the contrary, the office shall issue licenses to professionals who present evidence of an active license in good standing from another jurisdiction, in accordance with rules adopted by the executive director under RSA 541-A, provided that the jurisdiction's licensing requirements are substantially similar to New Hampshire's licensing requirements, as determined by the executive director in consultation with the boards, commissions, and councils within the office. Individuals seeking a license by endorsement pursuant to this section shall be required to undergo criminal history records check if otherwise required for initial licensing applications for that profession.
- II. All individuals licensed under this section shall be subject to the jurisdiction of the state licensing body for that profession.
 - 111:2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.

Approved: June 28, 2023

Effective Date: August 27, 2023