103RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

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HB5007

Introduced 2/8/2024, by Rep. Michael J. Coffey, Jr.

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

20 ILCS 2105/2105-410 new

Amends the Department of Professional Regulation Law of the Civil Administrative Code of Illinois. Creates the Licensure Reform Task Force within the Division of Professional Regulation of the Department of Financial and Professional Regulation. Sets forth the membership of the Task Force. Provides that the members of the Licensure Reform Task Force representing specific industries shall serve for a 2-year period. Provides that the members of the Licensure Reform Task Force shall serve without compensation for the duration of the Task Force. Provides that the Licensure Reform Task Force shall meet quarterly at a time and date it deems appropriate. Provides that the Task Force may conduct formal hearings through online portals. Provides that the Licensure Reform Task Force shall submit a report to the General Assembly and the Governor after every 2 quarterly meetings. Provides that these provisions will be repealed on December 31, 2030.

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A BILL FOR

1   AN ACT concerning State government.

2   **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**

3   **represented in the General Assembly:**

4   Section 5. The Department of Professional Regulation Law

5   of the Civil Administrative Code of Illinois is amended by

6   adding Section 2105-410 as follows:

7   (20 ILCS 2105/2105-410 new)

8   Sec. 2105-410. The Licensure Reform Task Force.

9   (a) As used in this Section:

10   "Licensing procedure" means the steps taken by the

11   Department to formally verify if an applicant is eligible to

12   receive a license administered by the Department.

13   "Licensing processing" means the cost, education, or

14   requirements it will take an applicant to earn a license

15   administered by the Department.

16   (b) The Licensure Reform Task Force is created within the

17   Division of Professional Regulation to conduct formal hearings

18   about the Division's licensing procedures and to develop and

19   propose policies to reduce the Division's licensing

20   processing.

21   (c) The Licensure Reform Task Force shall consist of:

22   (1) one member appointed by the Speaker of the House

23   of Representatives;

1   (2) one member appointed by the Minority Leader of the

2   House of Representatives;

3   (3) one member appointed by the President of the

4   Senate;

5   (4) one member appointed by the Minority Leader of the

6   Senate;

7   (5) the Director of Professional Regulation;

8   (6) 2 members representing the medical industry

9   appointed by the Governor;

10   (7) 2 members representing the trade industry

11   appointed by the Governor;

12   (8) 2 members representing the public safety industry

13   appointed by the Governor;

14   (9) 2 members representing the occupational industry

15   appointed by the Governor; and

16   (10) any other experts deemed necessary by the

17   Licensure Reform Task Force appointed by the Governor.

18   (d) The members of the Licensure Reform Task Force

19   representing specific industries shall serve for a 2-year

20   period. Members of the Licensure Reform Task Force shall serve

21   without compensation for the duration of the Licensure Reform

22   Task Force.

23   (e) The Licensure Reform Task Force shall meet quarterly

24   at a time and date it deems appropriate. The Licensure Reform

25   Task Force may conduct formal hearings through online portals.

26   (f) The Licensure Reform Task Force shall submit a report

1   to the General Assembly and the Governor after every 2

2   quarterly meetings. The report shall advise the General

3   Assembly and the Governor on:

4   (1) licensing delays;

5   (2) licensing costs;

6   (3) continuing education mandates;

7   (4) the timeline for the Department to issue a license

8   to the licensee;

9   (5) the current number of applicants for each license;

10   (6) the current number of renewal applicants for each

11   license; and

12   (7) any other subjects deemed necessary by the

13   Licensure Reform Task Force.

14   (g) This Section is repealed on December 31, 2030.