HOUSE BILL No. 1394

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 20-28-5-18; IC 25-1; IC 25-2.1-4-4; IC 25-6.1-3-2; IC 25-11-1; IC 25-16-1-3; IC 25-20.7-3-1; IC 25-24-2-3; IC 25-26; IC 25-28.5-1-12; IC 25-29-5-1; IC 25-34.1; IC 25-36.5-1-7; IC 25-37-1-6; IC 25-39-3-2; IC 36-1-3; IC 36-12-11-9.

Synopsis: Limitations on occupational licensing. Limits the authority of the state and counties, cities, and towns to impose licensing fees and regulations on an occupation or profession.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning professions and occupations.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

1	SECTION 1. IC 20-28-5-18, AS ADDED BY P.L.106-2016
2	SECTION 9, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
3	JULY 1, 2017]: Sec. 18. (a) This section applies to an individual who
4	(1) holds a valid teaching license issued by another state
5	(excluding a teaching license equivalent to an Indiana temporary
6	or emergency teaching license) in the same content area or areas
7	for which the individual is applying for a license in Indiana. and
8	(2) was required to pass a content licensure test to obtain the
9	license described in subdivision (1).
0	(b) Notwithstanding sections 3 and 12 of this chapter, the
1	department shall grant one (1) of the following licenses to an individual
2	described in subsection (a):
3	(1) If the individual has less than three (3) years of full-time
4	teaching experience, an initial practitioner's license.
5	(2) If the individual has at least three (3) years of full-time
6	teaching experience, a practitioner's license.
7	(c) An individual who is granted a license under this section shall



1	com	ply with	section	3 (c) an	d 3(d)	of this	chapter	not la	iter than	twelve
1	(12)	months	after th	e date tl	he ind	ividual'	s license	is is	sued.	

SECTION 2. IC 25-1-8-2, AS AMENDED BY P.L.197-2007, SECTION 19, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017]: Sec. 2. (a) Notwithstanding any other provision regarding the fees to be assessed by a board (except as provided in IC 25-1-19), a board shall establish by rule and cause to be collected fees for the following:

- (1) Examination of applicants for licensure, registration, or certification.
- (2) Issuance, renewal, or transfer of a license, registration, or certificate.
- (3) Restoration of an expired license, registration, or certificate when such action is authorized by law.
- (4) Issuance of licenses by reciprocity or endorsement for out-of-state applicants.
- (5) Issuance of board or committee reciprocity or endorsements for practitioners licensed, certified, or registered in Indiana who apply to another state for a license.

No fee shall be less than ten dollars (\$10) unless the fee is collected under a rule adopted by the board which sets a fee for miscellaneous expenses incurred by the board on behalf of the practitioners the board regulates.

- (b) Fees established by statute shall remain in effect until replaced by a new fee adopted by rule under this section.
- (c) In no case shall the fees be less than are required to pay all of the costs, both direct and indirect, of the operation of the board.
- (d) For the payment of fees, a board shall accept cash, a draft, a money order, a cashier's check, and a certified or other personal check. If a board receives an uncertified personal check for the payment of a fee and if the check does not clear the bank, the board may void the license, registration, or certificate for which the check was received.
 - (e) Unless designated by rule, a fee is not refundable.
- (f) A board shall charge a fee of not more than twenty-five dollars (\$25) for the issuance of a duplicate license, registration, or certificate.

(g) This section is subject to IC 25-1-19.

SECTION 3. IC 25-1-8-5 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017]: Sec. 5. (a) Notwithstanding any statutory provisions regarding the administration of examinations, a board or committee may employ organizations or additional professionals to assist in the preparation, administration, and scoring of licensing examinations.



1	(b) A board or committee may require applicants for licensure,
2	certification, or registration by examination, or endorsement or
3	reciprocity to pass a test on the state or federal statutes, state rules, and
4	federal regulations that the board or committee determines by rule to
5	be relevant to the practice of a regulated profession.
6	(c) A board or committee may enter into a contract with a testing
7	company or national association to set the standards of review for an
8	examination by an applicant for licensure, certification, or registration.
9	The standards of review may include:
10	(1) setting fees for review;
11	(2) requiring that an examination remain confidential; and
12	(3) prohibiting the release of the examination or copies of the
13	examination.
14	SECTION 4. IC 25-1-16-8, AS AMENDED BY P.L.149-2016,
15	SECTION 76, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
16	JULY 1, 2017]: Sec. 8. (a) The committee shall review and evaluate
17	each regulated occupation and board. The review and evaluation must
18	include the following:
19	(1) The functions, powers, and duties of the regulated occupation
20	and the board, including any functions, powers, or duties that are
21	inconsistent with current or projected practice of the occupation.
22	(2) An assessment of the management efficiency of the board.
23	(3) An assessment of the regulated occupation's and the board's
24	ability to meet the objectives of the general assembly in licensing
25	the regulated occupation.
26	(4) An assessment of the necessity, burden, and alternatives to the
27	licenses issued by the board.
28	(5) An assessment of the fees that the board charges for licenses.
29	(6) Any other criteria identified by the committee.
30	(b) The committee shall prepare a report concerning each regulated
31	occupation and board that the committee reviews and evaluates. The
32	report must contain the following:
33	(1) The number of individuals who are licensed in the regulated
34	occupation.
35	(2) A summary of the board's functions and actions.
36	(3) The budget and other fiscal factors of regulating the regulated
37	occupation, including the actual cost of administering license
38	applications, renewals, and issuing licenses.
39	(4) An assessment of the effect of the regulated occupation on the
40	state's economy, including consumers and businesses.
41	(5) Any recommendations for legislation, including whether:
42	(A) the regulation of a regulated occupation should be



1	modified;
2	(B) the board should be combined with another board;
3	(C) the board or the regulation of the regulated occupation
4	should be terminated;
5	(D) a license should be eliminated; or
6	(E) multiple licenses should be consolidated into a single
7	license.
8	(6) Any recommendations for administrative changes.
9	(7) Information that supports the committee's recommendations.
10	(c) This section does not apply to fees that support dedicated funds.
11	After the committee has reviewed and evaluated a regulated occupation
12	and board, the committee shall provide the agency and the board that
13	is the subject of the committee's evaluation with recommendations for
14	fees that the board should charge for application fees, renewal fees, and
15	fees to issue licenses. The recommendation for fees must comply with
16	the requirements under IC 25-1-8-2. However, the recommendation
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18	must not exceed the lesser of either one hundred twenty-five dollars
	(\$100) (\$25) or the actual administrative cost to process the application
19	or renew or issue the license.
20	SECTION 5. IC 25-1-17-4, AS ADDED BY P.L.57-2012,
21	SECTION 2, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
22	JULY 1, 2017]: Sec. 4. Notwithstanding any other law, a board shall
23	issue a license, certificate, registration, or permit to a military service
24	applicant to allow the applicant to practice the applicant's occupation
25	in Indiana if, upon application to a licensing board, the applicant
26	satisfies the following conditions:
27	(1) Has:
28	(A) completed a military program of training;
29	(B) been awarded a military occupational specialty; and
30	(C) performed in that occupational specialty;
31	at a level that is substantially equivalent to or exceeds the
32	academic or experience requirements for a license, certificate,
33	registration, or permit of the board from which the applicant is
34	seeking licensure, certification, registration, or a permit.
35	(2) Has engaged in the active practice of the occupation for which
36	the person is seeking a license, eertificate, registration, or permit
37	from the board for at least two (2) of the five (5) years preceding
38	the date of the application under this section.
39	(3) (2) Has not committed any act in any jurisdiction that would
40	have constituted grounds for refusal, suspension, or revocation of
41	a license, certificate, registration, or permit to practice that
42	occupation in Indiana at the time the act was committed.



1	(4) (3) Pays the fees required by the board from which the
2	applicant is seeking licensure, certification, registration, or a
3	permit.
4	SECTION 6. IC 25-1-19 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS
5	A NEW CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY
6	1, 2017]:
7	Chapter 19. Fees
8	Sec. 1. As used in this chapter, "license" means any license,
9	permit, registration, endorsement, or certificate required by a unit
10	for:
11	(1) an individual to practice or a business to engage one (1) or
12	more individuals to practice an occupation or profession in
13	Indiana; or
14	(2) an individual or business to use in Indiana a name or other
15	designation that is associated with an occupation or a
16	profession.
17	Sec. 2. As used in this chapter, "licensing authority" means the
18	appropriate entity in the executive department of state government
19	authorized to regulate or otherwise impose fees or other
20	requirements as a condition of obtaining a license.
21	Sec. 3. After June 30, 2017, a licensing authority may not impose
22	a fee or tax for the application for or issuance, application for or
23	renewal, or application for or reinstatement of a license (including
24	tests, inspections and other activities that are a condition of
25	issuance, renewal, or reinstatement of a license) that exceeds:
26	(1) twenty-five dollars (\$25) for a licensing period exceeding
27	twelve (12) months; and
28	(2) twenty-five dollars (\$25) multiplied by a fraction for a
29	licensing period of less than twelve (12) months. The
30	numerator of the fraction is the number of days covered by
31	the licensing period, and the denominator of the fraction is
32	three hundred sixty-five (365).
33	Sec. 4. After June 30, 2017, a licensing authority shall waive fees
34	and taxes related to issuance, renewal, and reinstatement
35	(including tests, inspections and other activities that are a condition
36	of issuance, renewal, or reinstatement of a license) of an
37	occupational or professional license if:
38	(1) the combined adjusted gross income (as defined in Section
39	62 of the Internal Revenue Code) of:
40	(A) the applicant and the applicant's spouse; and
41	(B) any other individuals living together with the applicant
42	at one (1) residence as a domestic unit with mutual



1	economic dependency;
2	for the calendar year preceding the year in which an
3	application to issue, renew, or reinstate is made did not exceed
4	the greater of thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000) or the amount
5	adopted by a rule issued by the Indiana professional licensing
6	agency;
7	(2) the applicant, at the time of submitting an application for
8	issuance, renewal, or reinstatement of a license, is enrolled in
9	a state or federal public assistance program;
10	(3) the applicant is a veteran (as defined in IC 10-17-15-3) or
11	the spouse of a veteran; or
12	(4) the applicant is a member of the armed forces of the
13	United States (as defined in IC 5-9-4-3) or national guard (as
14	defined in IC 5-9-4-4) on active duty or the spouse of the
15	member.
16	If the license is for a business, each owner of the business must
17	meet one (1) of the criteria in subdivisions (1) through (4).
18	Applicants seeking a waiver of a fee or tax under this section must
19	apply to the appropriate licensing authority in a format prescribed
20	by the licensing authority. The licensing authority shall process the
21	application not more than thirty (30) days after receiving the
22	waiver application from the applicant.
23	Sec. 5. (a) To the extent that a law in effect after June 30, 2017,
24	is in conflict with this chapter, the law is subject to this chapter.
25	(b) To the extent that a rule in effect after June 30, 2017,
26	conflicts with this chapter, the rule is void.
27	Sec. 6. A licensing authority shall adopt necessary rules under
28	IC 4-22-2, including emergency rules under IC 4-22-2-37.1, to
29	implement this chapter.
30	SECTION 7. IC 25-1-20 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS
31	A NEW CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY
32	1, 2017]:
33	Chapter 20. Reciprocity
34	Sec. 1. As used in this chapter, "license" means any license,
35	permit, registration, endorsement, or certificate required by a unit
36	for:
37	(1) an individual to practice or a business to engage one (1) or
38	more individuals to practice an occupation or profession in
39	Indiana; or
40	(2) an individual or business to use in Indiana a name or other
41	designation that is associated with an occupation or a
42	profession.



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4	requirements as a condition of obtaining a license.
5	Sec. 3. (a) This section applies to applications received after
6	June 30, 2017.
7	(b) Notwithstanding any other law, a licensing authority shall
8	not later than thirty (30) days after receiving an application for a
9	license from a resident of Indiana who is at the time of the
10	application licensed to practice that occupation or profession in
11	another state:
12	(1) process the application; and
13	(2) issue the license to the applicant;
14	if the applicant's license is in good standing with the licensing
15	authority of the other state that issued the license.
16	Sec. 4. A license issued under this chapter may not be a
17	provisional license and must confer the same rights, privileges, and
18	responsibilities as a license issued by the licensing authority to an
19	individual meeting the licensing requirements imposed by law or
20	rule.
21	Sec. 5. (a) To the extent that a law in effect after June 30, 2017,
22	is in conflict with this chapter, the law is subject to this chapter.
23	(b) To the extent that a rule in effect after June 30, 2017,
24	conflicts with this chapter, the rule is void.
25	Sec. 6. A licensing authority shall adopt necessary rules under
26	IC 4-22-2, including emergency rules under IC 4-22-2-37.1, to
27	implement this chapter.
28	SECTION 8. IC 25-2.1-4-4, AS AMENDED BY P.L.105-2008,
29	SECTION 6, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
30	JULY 1, 2017]: Sec. 4. (a) The board shall issue a CPA certificate to
31	a holder of a certificate issued by another state if the holder meets the
32	requirements under subsection (b) or (c).
33	(b) With regard to applicants who do not qualify for reciprocity
34	under the substantial equivalency standard set forth in section 10(a)(2)
35	of this chapter, the board shall issue a CPA certificate to a holder of a
36	certificate issued by another state upon a showing that:
37	(1) the applicant has:
38	(A) passed the examination required for issuance of the
39	applicant's certificate; and
40	(B) the applicant:
41	(i) had four (4) years of experience in Indiana or another
42	state of the type described in IC 25-2.1-3-10 or meets



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1	equivalent requirements prescribed by the board after
2	passing the examination on which the applicant's certificate
3	was based and during the ten (10) years immediately
4	preceding the applicant's application; and
5	(ii) if the applicant's certificate was issued by the other state
6	more than four (4) years before the application for issuance
7	of an initial certificate under this chapter, fulfilled the
8	requirements for continuing professional education that
9	would have been applicable under section 5 of this chapter
10	(c) The board shall issue a CPA certificate to a CPA certified by
11	another state board or its designee if the board determines that the
12	individual's CPA qualifications are substantially equivalent to the CPA
13	licensure requirements of Indiana. in accordance with IC 25-1-20.
14	SECTION 9. IC 25-6.1-3-2, AS AMENDED BY P.L.177-2015
15	SECTION 17, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
16	JULY 1, 2017]: Sec. 2. (a) Every individual, before acting as an
17	auctioneer, must obtain a license from the commission.
18	(b) An applicant for a license must:
19	(1) be at least eighteen (18) years of age;
20	(2) have completed at least eighty (80) actual hours of auction
21	instruction from a course provider approved by the commission;
22	(3) not have a conviction for:
23	(A) an act which would constitute a ground for disciplinary
24	sanction under IC 25-1-11; or
25	(B) a felony that has a direct bearing on the applicant's ability
26	to practice competently.
27	(c) Auction instruction required under subsection (b) must provide
28	the applicant with knowledge of all of the following:
29	(1) The value of real estate and of various goods commonly sold
30	at an auction.
31	(2) Bid calling.
32	(3) Sale preparation, sale advertising, and sale summary.
33	(4) Mathematics.
34	(5) The provisions of this article and the commission's rules.
35	(6) Any other subject matter approved by the commission.
36	(d) An individual seeking an initial license as an auctioneer under
37	this article shall file with the commission a completed application or
38	the form prescribed by the commission. When filing an application for
39	an auctioneer license, each individual shall pay a nonrefundable
40	examination fee established by the commission under IC 25-1-8-2.
41	(e) When applying for a renewal of an auctioneer license, each
42	individual shall do the following:



1	(1) Apply in a manner required by the commission, including
2	certification by the applicant that the applicant has complied with
3	the requirements of IC 25-6.1-9-8, unless the commission has
4	granted the applicant a waiver under IC 25-6.1-9-9.
5	(2) Pay the renewal fee established by the commission under
6	IC 25-1-8-2.
7	(f) Upon the receipt of a completed application for an initial or a
8	renewal license, the commission shall examine the application and may
9	verify the information contained therein.
10	(g) An applicant who is seeking an initial license must pass an
11	examination approved by the commission that covers subjects and
12	topics of knowledge required to practice as an auctioneer. The
13	commission shall hold examinations as the commission may prescribe.
14	(h) The commission shall issue an auctioneer's license, in such form
15	as it may prescribe, to each individual who meets all of the
16	requirements for licensing and pays the appropriate fees.
17	(i) Auctioneer licenses shall be issued for a term of four (4) years.
18	Subject to IC 25-1-2-6(e), a license expires at midnight on the date
19	established by the licensing agency under IC 25-1-6-4 and every fourth
20	year thereafter, unless renewed before that date. If the license has
21	expired, it may be reinstated not later than four (4) years after the date
22	it expired if the license holder meets the requirements of
23	IC 25-1-8-6(c).
24	(j) If a license has expired for a period of more than four (4) years,
25	the holder of the license may have the license reinstated by satisfying
26	the requirements for reinstatement under IC 25-1-8-6(d).
27	(k) The commission may shall waive the requirement that a
28	nonresident applicant pass an examination and that the nonresident
29	submit written statements by two (2) individuals, if the nonresident
30	applicant:
31	(1) is licensed to act as an auctioneer in the state of the applicant's
32	domicile;
33	(2) submits with the application a duly certified letter of
34	certification issued by the licensing board of the applicant's
35	domiciliary state;
36	(3) is a resident of a state whose licensing requirements are
37	substantially equal to the requirements of Indiana;
38	(4) is a resident of a state that grants the same privileges to the
39	licensees of Indiana; and
40	(5) (3) includes with the application an irrevocable consent that
41	actions may be commenced against the applicant. The consent
42	shall stipulate that service of process or pleadings on the



1	commission shall be taken and held in all courts as valid and
2	binding as if service of process had been made upon the applicant
2 3	personally within this state. If any process or pleading mentioned
4	in this subsection is served upon the commission, it shall be by
5	duplicate copies. One (1) of the duplicate copies shall be filed in
6	the office of the commission and one (1) shall be immediately
7	forwarded by the commission by registered or certified mail to the
8	applicant against whom the process or pleadings are directed.
9	(1) The commission may enter into a reciprocal agreement with
10	another state concerning nonresident applicants.
11	SECTION 10. IC 25-11-1-3, AS AMENDED BY P.L.85-2012,
12	SECTION 8, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
13	JULY 1, 2017]: Sec. 3. (a) Any person desiring to conduct a collection
14	agency shall make an application to the secretary of state upon such
15	forms as may be prescribed by the secretary of state. Such application
16	shall include the following:
17	(1) If the applicant is an individual:
18	(A) the individual's name;
19	(B) the individual's residence address;
20	(C) the address of each location from which the individual
21	carries out the activities of the collection agency; and
22	(D) a statement that the individual satisfies the qualifications
23	set forth in section 4 of this chapter.
24	(2) If the applicant is a partnership:
25	(A) the name of each partner;
26	(B) the business address of the partnership;
27	(C) the residence address of at least one (1) of the partners;
28	(D) the address of each location from which the partnership
29	carries out the activities of the collection agency; and
30	(E) a statement that each partner in the partnership satisfies the
31	qualifications set forth in section 4 of this chapter.
32	(3) If the applicant is a limited liability company:
33	(A) the date and place of organization;
34	(B) the name of the limited liability company;
35	(C) the business address of the limited liability company;
36	(D) the residence address of at least one (1) of the managers or
37	members of the limited liability company; and
38	(E) a statement that each of the managers and members in the
39	limited liability company satisfies the qualifications set forth
40	in section 4 of this chapter.
41	(4) If the applicant is a corporation:
42	(A) the date and place of incorporation;



1	(B) the name of the corporation;
2	(C) the business address of the corporation;
3	(D) the residence address of at least one (1) of the officers of
4	the corporation; and
5	(E) a statement that each of the officers of the corporation
6	satisfies the qualifications set forth in section 4 of this chapter.
7	The application shall be duly sworn to before an officer qualified to
8	administer oaths. The application shall set forth therein any other
9	verified information which will assist the secretary of state in
10	determining the qualifications of the applicant to meet the requirements
11	of a collection agency as hereinunder set forth.
12	(b) Every original and renewal application of any person desiring to
13	conduct a collection agency shall be accompanied by a fee of one
14	hundred twenty-five dollars (\$100) (\$25) plus an additional fee of
15	thirty twenty-five dollars (\$30) (\$25) for each branch office operated
16	by the applicant whether as sole owner, partnership, limited liability
17	company, or corporation.
18	(c) Any person desiring to secure a renewal of a collection agency
19	license shall make a renewal application to the secretary of state not
20	later than January 1 of the year following the year in which the person's
21	license expires under section 5 of this chapter. The application shall be
22	made on such forms as the secretary of state may prescribe. Such
23	application shall contain therein verified information that will assist the
24	secretary of state in determining whether or not the applicant is in
25	default, or is in violation of any of the provisions of this chapter, and
26	whether or not the applicant has at all times complied with the
27	requirements of this chapter in the operation of the applicant's
28	collection agency.
29	(d) Each renewal application shall be accompanied by the renewal
30	fee and an additional fee of thirty twenty-five dollars (\$30) (\$25) for
31	each branch office maintained and operated by the applicant.
32	(e) Every original and renewal application shall be accompanied by
33	the following:
34	(1) A corporate surety bond in the sum of five thousand dollars
35	(\$5,000) for each office the applicant operates in the state of
36	Indiana. All bonds shall run to the people of the state of Indiana
37	and shall be furnished by a surety company authorized to do
38	business in this state. All bonds shall be conditioned upon the
39	faithful accounting of all money collected upon accounts
40	entrusted to such person and shall be continuous in form and shall
41	remain in full force and effect and run continuously with the

license period and any renewal thereof. All bonds shall further be



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1	conditioned upon the provision that the applicant shall, within
2	sixty (60) days from the date of the collection of any claim, render
3	an account of and pay to the client, for whom collection has been
4	made, the proceeds of such collection less the charges for
5	collection agreed upon by and between the applicant and the
6	client. All bonds shall be filed in the office of the secretary of
7	state and shall be approved by the secretary of state before being
8	filed. All bonds filed and approved shall be for the use and benefit
9	of all persons damaged by the wrongful conversion of any money
10	by such person, and any individual so injured or aggrieved may
11	bring an action upon such bond. The surety company may notify
12	the secretary of state and principal of its desire to terminate its
13	liability under any bond furnished. Thirty (30) days after receipt
14	of such notice by the secretary of state, the secretary of state shall
15	thereupon require the principal to file a new bond or discontinue
16	all operations. If a new bond is filed by the principal all liability
17	under any previous bond shall thereupon cease and terminate. If
18	a new bond shall not be filed within the thirty (30) day period
19	above specified the secretary of state shall, after expiration of the
20	period, revoke the principal's license.
21	(2) Any applicant who is a nonresident of the state of Indiana
22	shall also submit a statement appointing an agent or attorney
23	resident herein upon whom all legal process against the applicant

- resident herein, upon whom all legal process against the applicant may be served. The statement shall contain a stipulation that the applicant agrees that service of legal process upon such agent or attorney shall be valid service upon the applicant.
- (f) Subject to subsection (g), the secretary of state may designate a multistate automated licensing system and repository, established and operated by a third party, to serve as the sole entity responsible for:
 - (1) processing applications for:
 - (A) licenses under this chapter; and
 - (B) renewals of licenses under this chapter; and
 - (2) performing other services that the secretary of state determines are necessary for the orderly administration of the secretary of state's licensing system under this chapter.

The secretary of state may take any action necessary to participate in a multistate automated licensing system and repository.

- (g) The secretary of state's authority to designate a multistate automated licensing system and repository under subsection (f) is subject to the following:
 - (1) The secretary of state may not require any person that is not required to be licensed under this chapter, or any employee or



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1	agent of a person that is not required to be licensed under this
2	chapter, to:
3	(A) submit information to; or
4	(B) participate in;
5	the multistate automated licensing system and repository.
6	(2) The secretary of state may require a person required under this
7	chapter to submit information to the multistate automated
8	licensing system and repository to pay a processing fee considered
9	reasonable by the secretary of state.
10	SECTION 11. IC 25-11-1-5, AS AMENDED BY P.L.85-2012,
11	SECTION 9, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
12	JULY 1, 2017]: Sec. 5. (a) The secretary of state shall investigate the
13	qualifications of the applicant and if the applicant meets the
14	qualifications of this chapter the secretary of state shall approve the
15	application. If the application is approved the license shall be issued
16	forthwith to the applicant. A license expires on the thirty-first day of
17	December of the year in which the license was issued. If the application
18	for a license is denied, the application fees shall be retained by the
19	secretary of state.
20	(b) The secretary of state shall issue a license to any person who
21	holds and presents with the application a valid and subsisting license
22	to operate a collection agency issued by another state or state agency
23	if
24	(1) the requirements for the securing of such license were, at the
25	time of issuance, substantially the same or equal to the
26	requirements imposed by this chapter;
27	(2) the state concerned extends reciprocity under similar
28	circumstances to licensed collection agencies of this state; and
29	(3) the application is accompanied by the fees and financial
30	bonding requirements as provided in this chapter.
31	(c) In the event of the death of an individual licensee, the dissolution
32	of a licensee partnership by death or operation of law, or the
33	termination of employment of the active manager if the licensee is a
34	firm, partnership, limited liability company, or corporation, upon a
35	showing that the bonding requirements provided for in this chapter are
36	complied with, the secretary of state shall issue, without a fee, a
37	provisional license to the personal representative of the deceased, the
38	personal representative's appointee, the surviving partner, the firm, the
39	limited liability company, or the corporation, as the case may be, which
40	shall be for the following purposes only and shall expire at the
41	following times:
42	(1) A provisional license issued to a personal representative or a



personal representative's appointee expires one (1) year from the date of the issuance and shall not be subject to renewal. The authority of the provisional license so issued shall be limited to such activities as may be necessary to terminate the business of the former licensee.

- (2) All other provisional licenses expire three (3) months from the date of issuance unless the provisional licensee, within this period, can meet the requirements for a full license as provided in this chapter.
- (d) A nonresident collection agency that has only incidental contact with a debtor is not required to be licensed under this chapter. As used in this subsection, "incidental contact" means contact on behalf of nonresident creditors using interstate communications, including telephone, mail service, or facsimile transmissions.

SECTION 12. IC 25-16-1-3 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017]: Sec. 3. A fee of one hundred fifty twenty-five dollars (\$150) (\$25) shall be paid annually for each license granted under the provisions of this chapter.

SECTION 13. IC 25-20.7-3-1, AS ADDED BY P.L.177-2009, SECTION 37, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017]: Sec. 1. (a) The agency shall collect the following fees under this article:

- (1) An initial registration fee of one hundred twenty-five dollars (\$100). (\$25).
- (2) A biennial renewal fee of one hundred twenty-five dollars (\$100). (\$25).
- (3) A restoration fee of one hundred twenty-five dollars (\$100). (\$25).
- (b) The fees collected by the agency under this article shall be deposited by the agency in the same manner as other fees collected by the agency are deposited.

SECTION 14. IC 25-24-2-3 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017]. Sec. 3. In addition to the biennial licensure fee provided for by IC 25-24-1-1, each licensed optometrist, at the time of payment of the biennial licensure fee each even-numbered year, shall pay to the Indiana professional licensing agency an additional fee of thirty-four dollars (\$34), which shall be deposited in an optometry school account of the state general fund, and all such fees so deposited shall, before the following July 2, be paid to Indiana University to be used by it for the advancement of optometrical research and the maintenance and support of the department in which the science of optometry is taught at the university. A sufficient amount to pay the same is appropriated



1	annually out of such account in the general fund of the state treasury
2	not otherwise appropriated.
3	SECTION 15. IC 25-26-14-14, AS AMENDED BY P.L.212-2005
4	SECTION 46, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
5	JULY 1, 2017]: Sec. 14. (a) A person may not engage in wholesale
6	distributions of legend drugs without:
7	(1) after December 31, 2005, obtaining and maintaining
8	accreditation or certification from the National Association of
9	Boards of Pharmacy's Verified Accredited Wholesale Distributor
10	or an accreditation body approved by the board under subsection
11	(g);
12	(2) obtaining and maintaining a license issued by the board; and
13	(3) paying any reasonable fee required by the board.
14	(b) The board may not issue or renew the license of a wholesale
15	drug distributor that does not comply with this chapter.
16	(c) The board shall require a separate license for each facility of
17	location where wholesale distribution operations are conducted.
18	(d) An agent or employee of any licensed wholesale drug distributor
19	does not need a license and may lawfully possess pharmaceutical drugs
20	when acting in the usual course of business or employment.
21	(e) The issuance of a license under this chapter does not affect tax
22	liability imposed by the department of state revenue or the departmen
23	of local government finance on any wholesale drug distributor.
24	(f) The board may shall adopt rules that permit out-of-state
25	wholesale drug distributors to obtain a license on the basis of
26	reciprocity if
27	(1) an out-of-state wholesale drug distributor possesses a valid
28	license granted by another state and the legal standards for
29	licensure in the other state are comparable to the standards under
30	this chapter. and
31	(2) the other state extends reciprocity to wholesale drug
32	distributors licensed in Indiana.
33	However, if the requirements for licensure under this chapter are more
34	restrictive than the standards of the other state, the out-of-state
35	wholesale drug distributor must comply with the additiona
36	requirements of this chapter to obtain a license under this chapter.
37	(g) The board may adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 to approve ar
38	accreditation body to:
39	(1) evaluate a wholesale drug distributor's operations to determine
40	compliance with:
41	(A) professional standards;
42	(B) this chapter; and
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1	(C) any other applicable law; and
2	(2) perform inspections of each facility and location where
3	wholesale distribution operations are conducted by the wholesale
4	drug distributor.
5	SECTION 16. IC 25-26-21-6, AS AMENDED BY P.L.82-2016,
6	SECTION 7, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
7	JULY 1, 2017]: Sec. 6. (a) A person seeking to provide home medical
8	equipment services in Indiana shall apply to the board for a license in
9	the manner prescribed by the board.
10	(b) A provider shall do the following:
11	(1) Comply with:
12	(A) federal and state law; and
13	(B) regulatory requirements;
14	for home medical equipment services.
15	(2) Maintain a physical facility and medical equipment inventory
16	in Indiana.
17	(3) Purchase and maintain in an amount determined by the board:
18	(A) product liability insurance; and
19	(B) professional liability insurance;
20	and maintain proof of the insurance coverage.
21	(4) Establish procedures to ensure that an employee or a
22	contractor of the provider who is engaged in the following home
23	medical equipment activities receives annual training:
24	(A) Delivery.
25	(B) Orientation of a patient in the use of home medical
26	equipment.
27	(C) Reimbursement assistance.
28	(D) Maintenance.
29	(E) Repair.
30	(F) Cleaning and inventory control.
31	(G) Administration of home medical equipment services.
32	The provider shall maintain documentation of the annual training
33	received by each employee or contractor.
34	(5) Maintain clinical records on a customer receiving home
35	medical equipment services.
36	(6) Establish home medical equipment maintenance and
37	personnel policies.
38	(7) Provide home medical equipment emergency maintenance
39	services available twenty-four (24) hours a day.
40	(8) Comply with the rules adopted by the board under this
41	chapter.
42	(c) An out-of-state provider may obtain a license to provide home



- medical equipment services in Indiana on the basis of reciprocity if
 - (1) the out-of-state provider possesses a valid license granted by another state.
 - (2) the legal standards for licensure in the other state are comparable to the standards under this chapter; and
 - (3) the other state extends reciprocity to providers licensed in Indiana.

However, if the requirements for licensure under this chapter are more restrictive than the standards of the other state, the out-of-state provider must comply with the additional requirements of this chapter to obtain a reciprocal license under this chapter.

SECTION 17. IC 25-28.5-1-12, AS AMENDED BY P.L.194-2005, SECTION 69, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017]: Sec. 12. (a) Except as otherwise provided in this chapter, a natural person over the age of eighteen (18) years who resides in Indiana and any corporation which satisfies the further requirements of this chapter may be licensed by the commission as a plumbing contractor. Except as otherwise provided by this chapter, a natural person over the age of eighteen (18) years may be licensed by the commission as journeyman plumber.

- (b) A person who desires to be licensed as a plumbing contractor or journeyman plumber is eligible for such a license upon the successful taking of the examination provided in section 15 of this chapter.
- (c) To qualify for a journeyman plumber examination under subsection (b), an applicant who is an Indiana resident must provide evidence that the applicant has completed at least four (4) years in an apprenticeship program approved by the commission or present to the commission a notarized statement providing evidence that the applicant has at least four (4) years of experience in the plumbing trade in employment as set forth in section 32(2), 32(6), or 32(7) of this chapter. To qualify for a plumbing contractor license examination under subsection (b), an applicant who is an Indiana resident must provide evidence that the applicant has completed at least four (4) years in an apprenticeship program approved by the commission or present to the commission a notarized statement providing evidence that the applicant has at least four (4) years of experience in the plumbing trade in employment as set forth in section 32(2), 32(6), or 32(7) of this chapter, or has worked in a plumbing business under the direction of a licensed plumbing contractor for at least four (4) years.
- (d) An applicant who is not an Indiana resident **and resides in a state that does not have licensing requirements** may qualify to take an examination under subsection (b), in the following manner:



1	(1) If the applicant holds a license in a state that does not have a
2	reciprocity agreement with Indiana, the applicant must present the
3	license to the commission to be eligible to take the examination.
4	(2) if the applicant resides in a state that does not have licensing
5	requirements, the applicant but before taking the examination
6	must meet the appropriate requirements of subsection (b).
7	(e) If the applicant holds a license in a another state, that has a
8	reciprocity agreement with Indiana, the appropriate license shall be
9	issued automatically.
10	SECTION 18. IC 25-29-5-1, AS AMENDED BY P.L.2-2005,
11	SECTION 69, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
12	JULY 1, 2017]: Sec. 1. (a) The board may issue a license to an
13	applicant who pays a fee established by the board and who presents
14	satisfactory evidence to the board that the applicant qualifies for a
15	reciprocal license under IC 25-1-20 or:
16	(1) meets the requirements under IC 25-29-3-1;
17	(2) is licensed in a state, territory, or possession of the United
18	States;
19	(3) (2) has passed a podiatric medical licensing examination that
20	is substantially equivalent to the examination under IC 25-29-4;
21	and
22	(4) (3) has practiced podiatric medicine for at least five (5) years.
23	(b) The board may require an applicant under this section
24	subsection (a)(1) through (a)(3) to do the following:
25	(1) Personally appear before the board.
26	(2) Pass a medical examination, approved by the board, if at least
27	ten (10) years have elapsed since the applicant passed a medical
28	licensing examination.
29	SECTION 19. IC 25-34.1-3-9.5, AS ADDED BY P.L.57-2007,
30	SECTION 4, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
31	JULY 1, 2017]: Sec. 9.5. (a) The commission shall establish fees under
32	IC 25-1-8-2 to implement section 8 of this chapter.
33	(b) Notwithstanding IC 25-1-8-2, a fee established under
34	IC 25-1-8-2 to implement section 8 of this chapter may not be less
35	more than fifty twenty-five dollars (\$50). (\$25).
36	(c) The commission shall establish fees to provide funding for the
37	investigative fund established by IC 25-34.1-8-7.5. The fees under this
38	subsection may not be more than twenty dollars (\$20).
39	(d) The board may collect a fee required by federal law and transmit

the fees to the federal government as required by federal law.

required by federal law.

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(e) A fee described in subsection (a) is in addition to any fees



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SECTION 20. IC 25-34.1-11-15, AS ADDED BY P.L.77-2010, SECTION 2, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017]: Sec. 15. (a) The board shall establish the registration fee to be paid by an appraisal management company seeking registration under this chapter. The amount of the registration fee must be the lesser of:

- (1) the amount determined by the board to be sufficient for the administration of appraisal management registrations under this chapter when aggregated with all the registration fees paid by appraisal management companies seeking registration under this chapter; or
- (2) five hundred twenty-five dollars (\$500). (\$25).
- (b) Registration fees collected under this section must be deposited in the investigative fund established by IC 25-34.1-8-7.5.

SECTION 21. IC 25-36.5-1-7, AS AMENDED BY P.L.111-2016, SECTION 42, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017]: Sec. 7. The application fee or renewal fee for a registration certificate to operate as a timber buyer, is one hundred thirty twenty-five dollars (\$130). (\$25). The fee for a certificate stating that a registration certificate has been issued and security filed is twenty dollars (\$20). All fees collected by the department accrue to the use of the department for its administrative purposes.

SECTION 22. IC 25-37-1-6 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017]: Sec. 6. Except as provided in section 6.5 of this chapter, the applicant desiring to file an application with the auditor for a transient merchant license shall pay to the treasurer of the county in which the application is made a license fee of one hundred twelve dollars (\$100) and fifty cents (\$12.50) for each six (6) month period in which the applicant proposes to transact business. The applicant shall thereupon file the treasurer's receipt for such payment with the auditor of the county with whom the application is filed.

SECTION 23. IC 25-39-3-2, AS AMENDED BY P.L.84-2010, SECTION 81, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017]: Sec. 2. (a) An application for a license must be made on a form prescribed by the commission in rules adopted under IC 4-22-2. The purpose of the form is to identify the applicant and obtain information to determine if the applicant is qualified to be licensed.

(b) An application for an original license or a license renewal must be accompanied by a license fee of one hundred twenty-five dollars (\$100). (\$25).



1	(c) Unless an applicant has held an original license for less than one
2	(1) year, a license renewal application must be accompanied by:
3	(1) a copy of the continuing education verification of attendance
4	forms; and
5	(2) a statement by the applicant attesting that the applicant has
6	complied with the continuing education requirements under
7	IC 25-39-6.
8	SECTION 24. IC 36-1-3-8, AS AMENDED BY P.L.189-2016,
9	SECTION 5, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
10	JULY 1, 2017]: Sec. 8. (a) Subject to subsection (b), a unit does not
11	have the following:
12	(1) The power to condition or limit its civil liability, except as
13	expressly granted by statute.
14	(2) The power to prescribe the law governing civil actions
15	between private persons.
16	(3) The power to impose duties on another political subdivision,
17	except as expressly granted by statute.
18	(4) The power to impose a tax, except as expressly granted by
19	statute.
20	(5) The power to impose a license fee greater than the lesser of:
21	(A) the amount that is reasonably related to the administrative
22	cost of exercising a regulatory power; or
23	(B) after June 30, 2017, the maximum amount permitted
24	under section 11 of this chapter.
25	(6) The power to impose a service charge or user fee greater than
26	that reasonably related to reasonable and just rates and charges
27	for services.
28	(7) The power to regulate conduct that is regulated by a state
29	agency, except as expressly granted by statute. If a unit regulates
30	an occupation or profession before a state agency begins
31	regulation of the occupation or profession, the unit's authority
32	to regulate the occupation or profession terminates, except as
33	expressly stated by a statute enacted after January 1, 2017. If
34	a statute grants to a unit authority to regulate an occupation
35	or profession regulated by a state agency, the grant of
36	authority does not authorize a unit to impose regulations that
37	are more stringent than the requirements imposed by the
38	statute or the state agency. After June 30, 2017, to the extent
39	that a unit's ordinances or regulations are more stringent, the
40	ordinances or regulations are void.

(8) The power to prescribe a penalty for conduct constituting a

crime or infraction under statute.



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1	(9) The power to prescribe a penalty of imprisonment for an
2	ordinance violation.
3	(10) The power to prescribe a penalty of a fine as follows:
4	(A) More than ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) for the violation
5	of an ordinance or a regulation concerning air emissions
6	adopted by a county that has received approval to establish an
7	air permit program under IC 13-17-12-6.
8	(B) For a violation of any other ordinance:
9	(i) more than two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500) for
10	a first violation of the ordinance; and
11	(ii) except as provided in subsection (c), more than seven
12	thousand five hundred dollars (\$7,500) for a second or
13	subsequent violation of the ordinance.
14	(11) The power to invest money, except as expressly granted by
15	statute.
16	(12) The power to order or conduct an election, except as
17	expressly granted by statute.
18	(13) The power to adopt or enforce an ordinance described in
19	section 8.5 of this chapter.
20	(14) The power to take any action prohibited by section 8.6 of this
21	chapter.
22	(15) The power to dissolve a political subdivision, except:
23	(A) as expressly granted by statute; or
24	(B) if IC 36-1-8-17.7 applies to the political subdivision, in
25	accordance with the procedure set forth in IC 36-1-8-17.7.
26	(b) A township does not have the following, except as expressly
27	granted by statute:
28	(1) The power to require a license or impose a license fee.
29	(2) The power to impose a service charge or user fee.
30	(3) The power to prescribe a penalty.
31	(c) Subsection (a)(10)(B)(ii) does not apply to the violation of an
32	ordinance that regulates traffic or parking.
33	SECTION 25. IC 36-1-3-11 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
34	AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY
35	1, 2017]: Sec. 11. (a) As used in this section, "license" means any
36	license, permit, registration, endorsement, or certificate required
37	by a unit for:
38	(1) an individual to practice or a business to engage one (1) or
39	more individuals to practice an occupation or profession in an
40	area over which the unit has jurisdiction; or
41	(2) an individual or business to use in an area over which the
42	unit has jurisdiction, a name, or other designation that is



1	associated with an occupation or a profession.
2 3	(b) A unit may not do the following:
3	(1) Impose a fee or tax for:
4	(A) an application for or issuance;
5	(B) application for or renewal;
6	(C) application for or reinstatement; or
7	(D) tests, inspections, or other activities that are a
8	condition of issuance, renewal, or reinstatement;
9	of a license for which a fee was not charged by the unit before
10	July 1, 2017.
11	(2) Regulate an occupation or profession that was not
12	regulated by the unit before July 1, 2017.
13	(c) This subsection applies to a license for which a unit imposed
14	a fee or tax before July 1, 2017. After June 30, 2017, a unit may not
15	impose a fee for the application for or issuance, application for or
16	renewal, or application for or reinstatement of a license (including
17	tests, inspections, and other activities that are a condition of
18	issuance, renewal, or reinstatement of a license) that exceeds:
19	(1) twenty-five dollars (\$25) for a licensing period exceeding
20	twelve (12) months; and
21	(2) twenty-five dollars (\$25) multiplied by a fraction for a
22	licensing period of less than twelve (12) months. The
23	numerator of the fraction is the number of days covered by
24	the licensing period, and the denominator of the fraction is
25	three hundred sixty-five (365).
26	(d) This subsection applies to a license for which a unit imposed
27	a fee before July 1, 2017. After June 30, 2017, a unit shall waive
28	fees and taxes related to issuance, renewal, and reinstatement
29	(including tests, inspections, and other activities that are a
30	condition of issuance, renewal, or reinstatement of a license) of an
31	occupational or professional license if:
32	(1) the combined adjusted gross income (as defined in Section
33	62 of the Internal Revenue Code) of:
34	(A) the applicant and the applicant's spouse; and
35	(B) any other individuals living together with the applicant
36	at one (1) residence as a domestic unit with mutual
37	economic dependency;
38	for the calendar year preceding the year in which an
39	application to issue, renew, or reinstate is made did not exceed
40	the greater of thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000) or the amount
41	adopted by a rule issued by the Indiana professional licensing
42	agency;



- (2) the applicant, at the time of submitting an application for issuance, renewal, or reinstatement of a license, is enrolled in a state or federal public assistance program;
 - (3) the applicant is a veteran (as defined in IC 10-17-15-3) or the spouse of a veteran; or
 - (4) the applicant is a member of the armed forces of the United States (as defined in IC 5-9-4-3) or national guard (as defined in IC 5-9-4-4) on active duty or the spouse of the member.

If the license is for a business, each owner of the business must meet one (1) of the criteria in subdivisions (1) through (4). Applicants seeking a waiver of a fee or tax under this subsection must apply to the appropriate licensing authority within the unit in a format prescribed by the licensing authority within the unit. The licensing authority shall process the application not later than thirty (30) days after receiving the waiver application from the applicant.

- (e) This subsection applies whenever a unit is permitted to issue a license for an occupation or profession. The licensing authority for a unit shall, not later than thirty (30) days after receiving an application for a license from a resident of Indiana who is at the time of the application licensed to practice that occupation or profession in another unit or state:
 - (1) process the application; and
 - (2) issue the license to the applicant;

if the applicant's license is in good standing with the licensing authority of the other unit or state that issued the license. A license issued under this subsection may not be a provisional license and must confer the same rights, privileges, and responsibilities as a license issued by the licensing authority to an individual meeting any other regulatory licensing requirements. To the extent that a licensing requirement in effect after June 30, 2017, conflicts with this subsection, the requirement is void. A unit shall adopt necessary ordinances and regulations to implement this subsection.

SECTION 26. IC 36-12-11-9 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017]. Sec. 9. To prevent unjust and arbitrary exclusions by other states of certified librarians who have complied with the requirements of Indiana law, the board may adopt rules necessary for the reciprocal recognition of certificates for librarians issued by other states whose qualifications for library service are at least as high as the qualifications in Indiana. To effect this section, the board shall consider the recommendations of the American Library Association.



1	SECTION 27. [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017] (a) The legislative
2	council shall provide for the preparation of legislation for
3	introduction in the 2018 session of the general assembly to bring
4	laws into conformity with this act.
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(b) This SECTION expires July 1, 2018.

