

SECOND REGULAR SESSION

# HOUSE BILL NO. 1962

102ND GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE RILEY.

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DANA RADEMAN MILLER, Chief Clerk

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## AN ACT

To amend chapter 324, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to professional licensing.

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*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:*

Section A. Chapter 324, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be  
2 known as section 324.004, to read as follows:

324.004. 1. Any person who has at least three years of work experience in an  
2 occupation or profession in another state, the District of Columbia, or any combination  
3 of such jurisdictions, and whose work experience involved the practice of an occupation  
4 or profession for which a license is not required in the jurisdiction or jurisdictions in  
5 which the person worked but is required in this state may submit an application for a  
6 one-time nonrenewable two-year temporary license in this state in the occupation or  
7 profession, along with proof of at least three years of work experience in the occupation  
8 or profession and a fee as set by regulation of the oversight body, to the relevant  
9 oversight body in this state. The oversight body shall make a determination of  
10 qualification within forty-five days of receiving a completed application. As used in this  
11 section, "oversight body" shall mean any board, department, agency, or office of a  
12 jurisdiction that issues licenses.

13 2. The oversight body shall require an applicant under this section to take and  
14 pass the profession-specific examination required for licensure by those applying  
15 pursuant to the provisions of the oversight body's statutory and regulatory authority.  
16 An oversight body that administers an examination on the laws of this state as part of its

EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in bold-face type in the above bill is proposed language.

17 **licensing application requirements may require an applicant under this section to take**  
18 **and pass an examination specific to the laws of this state.**

19 **3. The oversight body shall not issue a one-time nonrenewable temporary license**  
20 **to any applicant described in subsection 1 of this section who has had any license in the**  
21 **relevant occupation or profession revoked by an oversight body outside of this state,**  
22 **who is currently under investigation, who has a complaint pending, or who is currently**  
23 **under disciplinary action.**

24 **4. Applicants for the one-time nonrenewable temporary license shall be citizens**  
25 **of the United States and shall submit legal proof of citizenship as part of the application.**

26 **5. The provisions of this section shall apply only to those professions or**  
27 **occupations for which a license is issued by an oversight body as of January 1, 2024, and**  
28 **shall not apply to the following:**

29 **(1) Any occupation whose oversight body has entered into a licensing compact**  
30 **with another state for the regulation of practice under the oversight body's jurisdiction.**  
31 **The provisions of this section shall not be construed to alter the authority granted by, or**  
32 **any requirements promulgated pursuant to, any interjurisdictional or interstate**  
33 **compacts adopted by this state or any reciprocity agreements with other states, and**  
34 **whenever possible the provisions of this section shall be interpreted so as to imply no**  
35 **conflict between it and any compact or any reciprocity agreement with other states;**

36 **(2) Any occupation set forth in subsection 6 of section 290.257 or any electrical**  
37 **contractor licensed under sections 324.900 to 324.945;**

38 **(3) Any occupation whose regulators or licensees are required to comply with**  
39 **specific federal statutory, regulatory, and administrative requirements in order to**  
40 **practice in Missouri; or**

41 **(4) Assistant physicians licensed under chapter 334.**

42 **6. The one-time nonrenewable temporary license shall expire after two years.**  
43 **Upon expiration, the individual shall be required to apply for a permanent license in**  
44 **accordance with the license requirements for the occupation for which he or she held the**  
45 **temporary license.**

46 **7. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, a license issued**  
47 **under this section shall be valid only in this state and shall not make a licensee eligible to**  
48 **be part of an interstate compact. An applicant who is licensed in another state pursuant**  
49 **to an interstate compact shall not be eligible for licensure by an oversight body under**  
50 **the provisions of this section.**

51 **8. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, a license issued**  
52 **under this section shall be valid only in this state and shall not make a licensee eligible to**  
53 **obtain a license by reciprocity in another state.**

54           **9. The division of professional registration may promulgate rules to implement**  
55 **the provisions of this section. Any rule or portion of a rule, as that term is defined in**  
56 **section 536.010, that is created under the authority delegated in this section shall**  
57 **become effective only if it complies with and is subject to all of the provisions of chapter**  
58 **536 and, if applicable, section 536.028. This section and chapter 536 are nonseverable**  
59 **and if any of the powers vested with the general assembly pursuant to chapter 536 to**  
60 **review, to delay the effective date, or to disapprove and annul a rule are subsequently**  
61 **held unconstitutional, then the grant of rulemaking authority and any rule proposed or**  
62 **adopted after August 28, 2024, shall be invalid and void.**

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