

Senate Bill 13

Sponsored by Senator THATCHER; Senator WEBER (Pre-session filed.)

SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure **as introduced**. The statement includes a measure digest written in compliance with applicable readability standards.

Digest: Says that a board that issues job licenses must let a person who wants one to show job experience instead of schooling if the license needs a high school diploma. (Flesch Readability Score: 60.7).

Requires a professional licensing board to consider experience in lieu of a high school diploma or an equivalent for licensure, certification or other authorization to provide certain occupational or professional services.

Takes effect on the 91st day following adjournment sine die.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to educational requirements of professional licensing boards; creating new provisions;
3 amending ORS 670.030; and prescribing an effective date.

4 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

5 **SECTION 1.** ORS 670.030 is amended to read:

6 670.030. (1) As used in this section:

7 (a) "Occupational or professional service" means a service:

8 (A) That an individual must possess a license, certificate or other form of authorization to pro-
9 vide under the laws of this state; and

10 (B) Over which a professional licensing board has regulatory oversight.

11 (b) "Professional licensing board" means a state agency or board that licenses, certifies or oth-
12 erwise authorizes individuals to provide an occupational or professional service.

13 (2) A professional licensing board that regulates an occupational or professional service and that
14 requires up to a high school diploma or equivalent for licensure, certification or other authorization
15 to provide the occupational or professional service [*may*] **shall** consider an applicant's relevant ex-
16 perience in lieu of the required education.

17 (3) A professional licensing board may adopt rules to carry out the provisions of this section.

18 **SECTION 2.** (1) **The amendments to ORS 670.030 by section 1 of this 2025 Act become**
19 **operative on January 1, 2026.**

20 **(2) A professional licensing board may take any action before the operative date specified**
21 **in subsection (1) of this section that is necessary to enable the board to exercise, on and**
22 **after the operative date specified in subsection (1) of this section, all of the duties, functions**
23 **and powers conferred on the board by the amendments to ORS 670.030 by section 1 of this**
24 **2025 Act.**

25 **SECTION 3.** **This 2025 Act takes effect on the 91st day after the date on which the 2025**
26 **regular session of the Eighty-third Legislative Assembly adjourns sine die.**

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NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter [*italic and bracketed*] is existing law to be omitted.
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