



State of Tennessee

PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 443

SENATE BILL NO. 296

By Gardenhire

Substituted for: House Bill No. 779

By Helton-Haynes, Cepicky

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4; Title 63 and Title 68, relative to health professions.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 63-6-211(a), is amended by designating the existing language as subdivision (a)(1) and adding the following as subdivision (a)(2):

(2)(A) When the board receives a completed application for licensure from an applicant who is licensed in another state or territory of the United States or in the District of Columbia, then the board shall, within forty-five (45) days from the date the board receives the completed application:

- (i) Render a decision on the application; or
- (ii) Inform the applicant of the need to appear before the board.

(B) As used in this subdivision (a)(2), "completed application" means an application that satisfies all statutory and board rule requirements.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 63-9-105(b), is amended by designating the existing language as subdivision (b)(1) and adding the following as subdivision (b)(2):

(2)(A) When the board receives a completed application for licensure from an applicant who is licensed in another state or territory of the United States or in the District of Columbia, then the board shall, within forty-five (45) days from the date the board receives the completed application:

- (i) Render a decision on the application; or
- (ii) Inform the applicant of the need to appear before the board.

(B) As used in this subdivision (b)(2), "completed application" means an application that satisfies all statutory and board rule requirements.

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 63-7-105(b), is amended by designating the existing language as subdivision (b)(1) and adding the following as subdivision (b)(2):

(2)(A) When the board receives a completed application for licensure from an applicant who is licensed in another state or territory, then the board shall, within forty-five (45) days from the date the board receives the completed application:

- (i) Render a decision on the application; or
- (ii) Inform the applicant of the need to appear before the board.

(B) As used in this subdivision (b)(2), "completed application" means an application that satisfies all statutory and board rule requirements.

SECTION 4. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 63-7-110(b), is amended by designating the existing language as subdivision (b)(1) and adding the following as subdivision (b)(2):

(2)(A) When the board receives a completed application for licensure from an applicant who is licensed in another state or territory, then the board shall, within forty-five (45) days from the date the board receives the completed application:

- (i) Render a decision on the application; or
- (ii) Inform the applicant of the need to appear before the board.

(B) As used in this subdivision (b)(2), "completed application" means an application that satisfies all statutory and board rule requirements.

SECTION 5. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 63-19-105(b), is amended by designating the existing language as subdivision (b)(1) and adding the following as subdivision (b)(2):

(2)(A) When the board receives a completed application for licensure from an applicant who is licensed in another jurisdiction, then the board shall, within forty-five (45) days from the date the board receives the completed application:

- (i) Render a decision on the application; or
- (ii) Inform the applicant of the need to appear before the board.

(B) As used in this subdivision (b)(2), "completed application" means an application that satisfies all statutory and board rule requirements.

SECTION 6. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-24-602, is amended by adding the following as a new subsection (c):

(c)(1) When the board receives a completed application for initial licensure or a completed application for licensure from an applicant who is licensed in another state or territory of the United States or in the District of Columbia, then the board shall, within sixty (60) days from the date the board receives the completed application:

- (A) Render a decision on the application; or
- (B) Inform the applicant of the need to appear before the board.

(2) As used in this subsection (c), "completed application" means an application that satisfies all statutory and board rule requirements.

SECTION 7. This act takes effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it, and applies to applications submitted on or after the effective date of this act.

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PASSED: April 21, 2023



RANDY McNALLY
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE



CAMERON SEXTON, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED this 17th day of May 2023



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