

State of Wisconsin



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2023 WISCONSIN ACT

AN ACT *to amend* 101.022; and *to create* 440.041 of the statutes; **relating to:** biennial report on various metrics related to the issuance of occupational credentials.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

JOINT LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL PREFATORY NOTE: This bill was prepared for the Joint Legislative Council's Study Committee on Occupational Licenses.

The bill requires the Department of Safety and Professional Services (DSPS) to include the following information in its biennial report to the Legislature, for the time period since the prior report:

- The number of applications for initial, renewal, and reciprocal credentials received by DSPS and any credentialing board, and the number of those credentials granted and issued. DSPS must also separately report these numbers for each profession.
- The lowest, highest, and median number of days from the day that an application for initial, renewal, or reciprocal credential is initiated to the date that a final determination is made. DSPS must also separately report these numbers for applications in the health professions, business professions, trades professions, all other professions, and each profession individually.
- The median number of contacts made to and received from an applicant for an initial, renewal, or reciprocal credential before a final determination on the applicant's credential is issued. DSPS must also separately report these numbers for each profession.
- The number of applications for initial, renewal, and reciprocal credentials for which DSPS or a credentialing board requested more information. DSPS must also separately report these numbers for each profession.
- The number of applications for initial, renewal, and reciprocal credentials that required DSPS or a credentialing

board to review an arrest, conviction, or other offense record. DSPS must also separately report these numbers for each profession.

SECTION 1. 101.022 of the statutes is amended to read:

101.022 Certain laws applicable to occupational licenses. Sections 440.03 (1), (3m), (4), (11m), and (13) (a), (am), and (b) 75., ~~440.041~~, 440.05 (1) (a) and (2) (b), 440.075, 440.09 (2), 440.11, 440.12, 440.121, 440.13, 440.14, 440.15, 440.19, 440.20 (1), (3), (4) (a), and (5) (a), 440.205, 440.21, and 440.22, and the requirements imposed on the department under those statutes, apply to occupational licenses, as defined in s. 101.02 (1) (a) 2., in the same manner as those statutes apply to credentials, as defined in s. 440.01 (2) (a).

SECTION 2. 440.041 of the statutes is created to read:
440.041 Biennial report on issuance of credentials. The department shall, in its report under s. 15.04 (1) (d), include all of the following covering the time period since the previous report:

(1) The number of applications for initial credentials, the number of applications for the renewal of a credential, and the number of applications for a reciprocal credential that were received by the department and by any credentialing board and the number of initial credentials, the number of renewed credentials, and the number of reciprocal credentials granted and issued. The department shall separately report for each profession the number of

* Section 991.11, WISCONSIN STATUTES: Effective date of acts. "Every act and every portion of an act enacted by the legislature over the governor's partial veto which does not expressly prescribe the time when it takes effect shall take effect on the day after its date of publication."

applications for initial credentials, the number of applications for the renewal of a credential, and the number of applications for a reciprocal credential that were received and the number of initial credentials, the number of renewed credentials, and the number of reciprocal credentials granted and issued.

(2) The lowest, highest, and median number of days from the day that an application for an initial credential is initiated by an applicant to the date that a final determination on the application is made; the lowest, highest, and median number of days from the day that an application for the renewal of a credential is initiated by an applicant to the date that a final determination on the application is made; and the lowest, highest, and median number of days from the day that an application for a reciprocal credential is initiated by an applicant to the date that a final determination on the application is made. The department shall separately report the lowest, highest, and median number of days for all such applications in the health professions, business professions, trade professions, all other professions, and each profession individually.

(3) The median number of contacts made to and received from an applicant for an initial credential, the median number of contacts made to and received from an applicant for the renewal of a credential, and the median number of contacts made to and received from an applicant for a reciprocal credential before a final determination on the applicant's application is issued. The department shall separately report for each profession the median number of contacts made to and received from an applicant for an initial credential, the median number of

contacts made to and received from an applicant for the renewal of a credential, and the median number of contacts made to and received from an applicant for a reciprocal credential before a final determination on the applicant's application is issued.

(4) The number of applications for an initial credential, the number of applications for the renewal of a credential, and the number of applications for a reciprocal credential submitted for which the department or a credentialing board requested more information. The department shall separately report for each profession the number of applications for an initial credential, the number of applications for the renewal of a credential, and the number of applications for a reciprocal credential for which the department or a credentialing board requested more information.

(5) The number of applications for an initial credential, the number of applications for the renewal of a credential, and the number of applications for a reciprocal credential that required the department or a credentialing board to review an arrest or conviction record or any other offense if the offense is reviewable by the department or credentialing board that issues the credential. The department shall separately report for each profession the number of applications for an initial credential, the number of applications for the renewal of a credential, and the number of applications for a reciprocal credential that required the department or a credentialing board to review an arrest or conviction record or any other offense if the offense is reviewable by the department or credentialing board that issues the credential.
