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1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR OCCUPATIONAL LICENSURE RECOGNITION FOR
3 INDIVIDUALS LICENSED IN CERTAIN NEIGHBORING STATES WHO ESTABLISH
4 RESIDENCE IN THIS STATE.

5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

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7 **PART I. NEIGHBORING STATE LICENSURE RECOGNITION**

8 **SECTION 1.(a)** Chapter 93B of the General Statutes is amended by adding a new
9 section to read:

10 **"§ 93B-15.3. Licensure recognition for individuals licensed in neighboring states.**

11 (a) Applicability. – This section applies to all occupational licensing boards and State
12 agency licensing boards except as provided in this subsection. This section shall not apply to:

- 13 (1) Licensure of any healthcare practitioner licensed under Chapter 90 of the
14 General Statutes.
15 (2) Architects licensed under Chapter 83A of the General Statutes.
16 (3) Certified public accountants licensed under Chapter 93 of the General
17 Statutes.
18 (4) Engineers licensed under Chapter 89C of the General Statutes.
19 (5) Veterinarians licensed, or veterinary technicians registered, under Article 11
20 of Chapter 90 of the General Statutes.
21 (6) Admission to the practice of law or licensure as an attorney under Chapter 84
22 of the General Statutes.
23 (7) Licensure of any practitioner licensed by the North Carolina Pesticide Board
24 under Article 52 of Chapter 143 of the General Statutes.
25 (8) Licensure of any practitioner licensed by the North Carolina Structural Pest
26 Control Committee under Article 4C of Chapter 106 of the General Statutes.
27 (9) Dealers, salesmen, issuers, investment advisors, investment advisor
28 representatives, and athlete agents under Chapters 78A, 78C, and 78D of the
29 General Statutes.

30 (b) Licensure Recognition. – Notwithstanding any other provision of law, an
31 occupational licensing board or a State agency licensing board subject to this section shall issue
32 a license, certification, or registration to any applicant who establishes residence in this State and
33 satisfies all of the following conditions:



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- 1 (1) The applicant is currently licensed, certified, or registered in Georgia, South
2 Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia, or West Virginia in the discipline applied for
3 in this State at the same or substantially equivalent practice level, as
4 determined by the occupational licensing board or State agency licensing
5 board.
- 6 (2) The applicant has been licensed, certified, or registered in one or more of the
7 states listed in subdivision (1) of this subsection for at least one year.
- 8 (3) The applicant has passed an examination required for the license, certification,
9 or registration in the jurisdiction in which the applicant holds a current license,
10 certification, or registration, if an examination was required.
- 11 (4) The applicant is in good standing in all jurisdictions within the United States
12 in which the applicant holds or has ever held a license, certification, or
13 registration in the profession for which the applicant is seeking licensure,
14 certification, or registration in this State.
- 15 (5) The applicant has not voluntarily surrendered a license, certification, or
16 registration or had a license, certification, or registration revoked in any
17 jurisdiction within the United States as a result of unprofessional conduct
18 related to the profession for which the applicant is seeking licensure,
19 certification, or registration in this State.
- 20 (6) The applicant demonstrates competency in the profession through methods
21 determined by the board, which may include having met the minimum
22 education, clinical supervision, or work experience requirements in effect in
23 the originating state at the time the applicant obtained the license, certification,
24 or registration from that state.
- 25 (7) The applicant does not have any active or pending disciplinary actions from
26 an occupational licensing board or agency in another jurisdiction within the
27 United States and, if applicable, the occupational licensing board or State
28 agency licensing board has completed verification under subsection (c) of this
29 section.
- 30 (8) The applicant does not have a disqualifying criminal history record, as
31 determined by the occupational licensing board or State agency licensing
32 board under G.S. 93B-8.1 and related provisions of law.
- 33 (9) The applicant has paid all applicable fees, including fees for application
34 processing, license issuance, verification of credentials, and background
35 checks.

36 (c) Prior Disciplinary Actions. – If the applicant has any prior resolved disciplinary
37 actions from an occupational licensing board or State agency licensing board at the time of
38 application, the occupational licensing board or State agency licensing board to which the
39 applicant is applying shall determine and verify that the disciplinary action is resolved and, if
40 applicable, corrective action has been taken. If a disciplinary action is pending in another
41 jurisdiction, an occupational licensing board or State agency licensing board shall suspend the
42 application process for any license, certificate, or registration under this section until the
43 disciplinary action has been resolved.

44 (d) Required Information. – Each occupational licensing board or State agency licensing
45 board shall publish a document that lists the specific criteria or requirements for licensure,
46 certification, or registration by the board under this section and any necessary documentation
47 needed for satisfying the requirements. The information required by this subsection shall be
48 published on the occupational licensing board's or State agency licensing board's website.

49 (e) Effect on Other Agreements. – Nothing in this section shall be construed to prevent
50 any occupational licensing board or State agency licensing board in this State from entering into
51 a reciprocity agreement with another jurisdiction or to invalidate any existing reciprocity

1 agreement between any occupational licensing board or agency in this State and another
2 jurisdiction.

3 (f) Scope of License. – Any license, certification, or registration granted by an
4 occupational licensing board or State agency licensing board to any applicant under this section
5 shall be valid only in this State and does not extend validity to other jurisdictions, including
6 through an interstate compact, unless otherwise provided by law or interstate agreement.

7 (g) Rights and Obligations. – Any individual who is licensed, certified, or registered
8 under this section shall be entitled to the same rights and subject to the same obligations as
9 required of an individual who was licensed, certified, or registered by an occupational licensing
10 board or State agency licensing board in this State under any other provision of law.

11 (h) Alternative Pathway. – Nothing in this section shall be construed to prohibit an
12 individual from proceeding under the existing licensure, certification, or registration
13 requirements established by an occupational licensing board or State agency licensing board in
14 this State."

15 **SECTION 1.(b) Report.** – Beginning on October 31, 2026, each occupational
16 licensing board and State agency licensing board subject to G.S. 93B-15.3, as enacted by this
17 section, shall include all of the following data for the previous fiscal year in the annual report to
18 the Secretary of State, the Attorney General, and the Joint Legislative Administrative Procedure
19 Oversight Committee, as required by G.S. 93B-2:

- 20 (1) The number of individuals who applied for licensure, certification, or
21 registration in accordance with G.S. 93B-15.3.
- 22 (2) The number of individuals who received licensure, certification, or
23 registration in accordance with G.S. 93B-15.3.
- 24 (3) The number of individuals who were denied licensure, certification, or
25 registration in accordance with G.S. 93B-15.3, including the reasons for
26 denial.

27 **SECTION 2. Effective Date.** – This act becomes effective October 1, 2025, and
28 applies to applications for licensure, certification, or registration received on or after that date.