

## **SENATE BILL 743:**

The Disaster Recovery Act of 2024 - Part II, Sec. 4E.1:

## Authorize State Agencies to Exercise Regulatory Flexibility for Employment-Related Certifications

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## OVERVIEW: Section 4E.1 of S.L. 2024-53 does the following:

- Defines "employment-related certification" and "State agency" for purposes of this section. This provision expires March 1, 2025.
- Provides State agencies the authority to (i) delay renewal dates of employment-related certifications for residents of areas affected by Hurricane Helene and (ii) delay or modify any educational or examination requirements for employment-related certifications for residents of areas affected by Hurricane Helene. This provision expires March 1, 2025.
- Requires each State agency to report to the Joint Legislative Administrative Procedure Oversight Committee and the Joint Legislative Commission on Governmental Operations on its use of regulatory flexibility under this section no later than March 1, 2025.
- Requires State agencies to exercise the authority granted in this section to the maximum extent practicable in order to protect the economic well-being of the citizens and businesses in areas affected by Hurricane Helene, while also continuing to protect public health, safety, and welfare. This provision expires March 1, 2025.
- Allows State agencies to adopt emergency rules for the implementation of this section in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act (APA). Notwithstanding the provision providing for the adoption of emergency rules under the APA, an agency must not commence the adoption of temporary rules pursuant to this section. Notwithstanding the provision setting the effective date and expiration date of emergency rules under the APA, an emergency rule adopted pursuant to this section expires March 1, 2025. This provision expires March 1, 2025.

This section became effective October 25, 2024.

