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Act No. 48 (H.506). Professions and occupations; Secretary of State; Office of Professional Regulation; miscellaneous

An act relating to professions and occupations regulated by the Office of Professional Regulation

This act makes miscellaneous substantive and technical amendments to laws governing the Secretary of State's Office of Professional Regulation (Office) and the professions and occupations regulated by the Office.

Secs. 1 through 6 amend statutes governing the Office. The amendments include allowing the Director of the Office to take certain action if he or she finds that a board attached to the Office is not meeting specified standards; allowing the Office to inquire into the criminal background histories of applicants for licensure and renewal within the nursing professions; and adding new provisions to 3 V.S.A. § 129a, which sets forth what constitutes unprofessional conduct for all of the Office's regulated professions and occupations.

Issues addressed in regard to individual professions and occupations include the following:

- Pharmacists. Electronic records for Schedule II prescriptions (Sec. 7)
- Accountants. Definitions of "attest service" and "report" (Sec. 8)
- Funeral Directors. Alternative pathway to licensure (Sec. 11)
- Veterinarians. Veterinarian-client-patient relationships, veterinarians of record, and veterinary prescriptions (Sec. 17)
- Real Estate Appraisers. Regulating appraisal management companies (Secs. 22, 23, and 24)
- Tattooists, Body Piercers, and Permanent Cosmetologists. Temporary licensure for special events (Sec. 29)
- Speech-Language Pathologists. Provisional licensure during postgraduate professional training (Sec. 32)
- Advanced Practice Registered Nurses. Scope of practice in nursing homes (Sec. 34)

Multiple effective dates, beginning May 23, 2017