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Act No. 10 (H.427). Professions and occupations; Secretary of State, Office of Professional Regulation; foreign credential verification

An act relating to a uniform process for foreign credential verification in the Office of Professional Regulation

This act requires the Director of the Office of Professional Regulation (OPR) to adopt rules that prescribe a process for the Director to assess the equivalence of a license applicant's professional credentials earned outside the United States as compared to Vermont license requirements for those OPR professions that do not already have laws addressing the verification and recognition of such credentials. The Director is permitted to rely upon third-party credential verification services in order to conduct this assessment, and the Director's determination of equivalence would be binding upon the relevant OPR board or regulatory program. A person whose license application is preliminarily denied for nonequivalence would be able to petition for review of that decision under 3 V.S.A. § 129(e), as is provided for other OPR applicants.

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