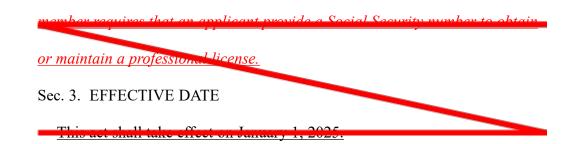
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2	Introduced by Representatives Cole of Hartford, Dodge of Essex, and
3	Holcombe of Norwich
4	Referred to Committee on
5	Date:
6	Subject: Executive; Secretary of State; professional regulation; immigration
7	status
8	Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to enable
9	individuals who meet the requirements for professional licenses to be granted
10	those licenses regardless of their immigration status or lack thereof.

11	An act relating to professional licensure and immigration status
12	It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:
13	S.J. 1. PURIOSE
14	(a) The purpose of this act is to amend the laws of Vermont to allow any
15	individual who meets the standards required by the State to obtain a
16	professional or occupational license, reportless of that individual's
17	immigration status.
18	(b) The General Assembly acts pursuant to the authority provided in
19	postion 411 of the federal Personal Pespensibility and Work Opportunity

1 nemation Act of 1996, Pub. L. No. 104, 193, The IV, § 411, counted 2 8 U.S.C. § 1621(d), as such section existed on January 1, 2024. 3 (c) Nothing in this act shall be construed to grant eligibility for any public benefits, as befined in 8 U.S.C. § 1621(c), other than obtaining a professional 4 5 license. Sec. 2. 3 V.S.A. § 199 is added to read: 6 § 139. IMMIGRATION STATUS 7 (a) Notwithstanding any rovision of law to the contrary, an applicant shall 8 9 not be denied any professional livense enumerated in this title on the basis of 10 the applicant's citizenship status or in migration status or lack thereof. 11 12 number for the purpose of obtaining or maintaining a professional license under this title, the applicant may provide a federa comployer identification 13 14 number, marviauar taxpayer identification number, or octar security number. (b) If an applicant is required by State law to provide a Social Security number for the purpose of obtaining or maintaining a professional license under this title, the applicant may provide a federal employer identification number, an individual taxpayer identification number, or a Social Security number; provided, however, that an applicant shall provide a Social Securi

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Sec. 1. PURPOSE

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(a) The purpose of this act is to amend the laws of Vermont to allow any individual who meets the standards required by the State to obtain a professional or occupational license or certification, regardless of that individual's immigration status.

(b) The General Assembly acts pursuant to the authority provided in section 411 of the federal Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996, Pub. L. No. 104–193, Title IV, § 411, codified at 8 U.S.C. § 1621(d), as such section existed on January 1, 2024.

(c) Nothing in this act shall be construed to grant eligibility for any public benefits, as defined in 8 U.S.C. § 1621(c), other than obtaining a professional license.

Sec. 2. 3 V.S.A. § 139 is added to read:

§ 139. IMMIGRATION STATUS

(a) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, an applicant shall not be denied any professional license or certification enumerated in this title or Titles 16, 20, or 26 of the Vermont Statutes Annotated on the basis of the applicant's citizenship status or immigration status or lack thereof.

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(b) If an applicant is required by State law to provide a Social Security number for the purpose of obtaining or maintaining a professional license or certification under this title or Titles 16, 20, or 26 of the Vermont Statutes Annotated, the applicant may provide a federal employer identification number, an individual taxpayer identification number, or a Social Security number; provided, however, that an applicant shall provide a Social Security number if a federal law or an interstate compact of which the State is a member requires that an applicant provide a Social Security number to obtain or maintain a professional license.

Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE

This act shall take effect on September 1, 2024.