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**Act No. 119 (H.588). An act relating to professions and occupations regulated by the Office of Professional Regulation**

**Subjects: Professions and occupations**

This act makes miscellaneous changes to laws pertaining to various regulated professions and occupations. Specifically, it explicitly enables the Office of Professional Regulation to rescind licenses in instances of administrative error, nonpayment, or loss of compact license or privilege. It enables the Office of Professional Regulation to enforce against attempted fraudulent or deceptive procurement or use of a license. It requires professional regulation board members to be adults. It corrects terminology for license denials of foreign applicants. It creates additional combinations of education and experience as prerequisites for accountant licensure. It creates a limited academic dentist license. It removes the requirement for advanced practice registered nurse (APRN) license renewal to include documentation of completion of the APRN practice requirement. It enables pharmacists to prescribe, order, or administer tests for COVID-19, influenza, and streptococcal pharyngitis and subsequent drug treatment, and to prescribe or order medications for the prevention of human immunodeficiency virus, including those for pre-exposure and post-exposure prophylaxis. It enables the Office of Professional Regulation to create temporary policies to supplement psychologist licensure educational requirements notwithstanding any contrary rules. It eliminates the advisory committee on midwifery that reports to the Office of Professional Regulation and the Commissioner of Health and changes the license renewal requirement for midwives to submit individual practice data to a discretionary decision to be made by the Director of Professional Regulation. It modifies the definition of “practice of funeral service” to include disposition of human remains by cremation, alkaline hydrolysis, or natural organic reduction. It requires the Office of Professional Regulation to report on the possible professional regulation of speech-language pathology assistants. It requires the registration of massage “establishments,” creates new fees for these establishments, and expands on operational requirements and related unprofessional conduct. It also enables the Board of Medical Practice to conduct criminal background checks for certain professions in a manner similar to the Office of Professional Regulation.

Effective Dates: Multiple effective dates, beginning on June 8, 2026