

CHAPTER 407

PROFESSIONS AND OCCUPATIONS

HOUSE BILL 26-1431

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AN ACT**CONCERNING DEMONSTRATING COMPETENCY FOR OCCUPATIONAL LICENSURE PORTABILITY.***Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

SECTION 1. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 12-20-202, **amend** (3)(b)(I) introductory portion as follows:

12-20-202. Licenses, certifications, and registrations - renewal - reinstatement - fees - occupational credential portability program - exceptions for military personnel, spouses, gold star military spouses, and dependents - rules - consideration of criminal convictions or driver's history - executive director authority - definitions.

(3) Occupational credential portability program - definitions.

(b)(I) Except as specified in subsections (3)(c) and (3)(f) of this section, ~~a person~~ AN INDIVIDUAL duly licensed, certified, registered, or enrolled in good standing in another state, ~~or~~ A United States territory, OR ANOTHER COUNTRY or through the federal government to practice a particular profession or occupation, or who holds a military occupational specialty, as defined in section 24-4-201, is, upon application to the division for licensure, certification, registration, or enrollment in that profession or occupation in this state, entitled to the issuance of the applicable license, certification, registration, or enrollment if all of the following apply:

SECTION 2. Act subject to petition - effective date - applicability. (1) This act takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly (August 12, 2026, if adjournment sine die is on May 13, 2026); except that, if a referendum petition is

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filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V of the state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this act within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take effect unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in November 2026 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.

(2) This act applies to applications for certification, registration, or licensure by endorsement filed on or after the applicable effective date of this act.

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