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HOUSE BILL 20-1241

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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 **CONCERNING THE ISSUANCE OF A PROFESSIONAL LICENSE TO A PERSON**
102 **WHO IS LEGALLY AUTHORIZED TO WORK IN THE UNITED**
103 **STATES.**

Bill Summary

(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. If this bill passes third reading in the house of introduction, a bill summary that applies to the reengrossed version of this bill will be available at <http://leg.colorado.gov>.)

The bill requires the Colorado supreme court to issue a license to practice law and the department of education to issue a teacher license if, in either situation, the license applicant otherwise meets the licensing requirements and:

! The person has a current and valid employment

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.
Capital letters or bold & italic numbers indicate new material to be added to existing statute.
Dashes through the words indicate deletions from existing statute.

- authorization document issued by the United States citizenship and immigration services;
- ! The person is lawfully present in the United States; and
- ! The person was issued a social security number by the United States social security administration.

1 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **amend** 13-93-102 as
3 follows:

4 **13-93-102. No discrimination - issuance of license.** (1) No
5 person shall be denied a license to practice on account of race, creed,
6 color, religion, disability, age, sex, sexual orientation, marital status,
7 national origin, or ancestry.

8 (2) THE SUPREME COURT SHALL ISSUE A LICENSE TO A PERSON
9 WHO, IN ADDITION TO MEETING THE SUPREME COURT'S RULES GOVERNING
10 ADMISSION TO PRACTICE LAW, SATISFIES THE FOLLOWING REQUIREMENTS:

11 (a) THE PERSON HAS A CURRENT AND VALID EMPLOYMENT
12 AUTHORIZATION DOCUMENT ISSUED BY THE UNITED STATES CITIZENSHIP
13 AND IMMIGRATION SERVICES OR ITS SUCCESSOR AGENCY;

14 (b) THE PERSON IS LAWFULLY PRESENT IN THE UNITED STATES
15 PURSUANT TO FEDERAL LAW; AND

16 (c) THE PERSON HAS BEEN ISSUED A SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER BY
17 THE UNITED STATES SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION.

18 **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 22-60.5-201, **add** (6)
19 as follows:

20 **22-60.5-201. Types of teacher licenses issued - term - rules.**

21 (6) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ISSUE A LICENSE TO A PERSON WHO, IN
22 ADDITION TO FULFILLING THE APPLICABLE LICENSING REQUIREMENTS IN
23 THIS SECTION, SATISFIES THE FOLLOWING REQUIREMENTS:

1 (a) THE PERSON HAS A CURRENT AND VALID EMPLOYMENT
2 AUTHORIZATION DOCUMENT ISSUED BY THE UNITED STATES CITIZENSHIP
3 AND IMMIGRATION SERVICES OR ITS SUCCESSOR AGENCY;

4 (b) THE PERSON IS LAWFULLY PRESENT IN THE UNITED STATES
5 PURSUANT TO FEDERAL LAW; AND

6 (c) THE PERSON HAS BEEN ISSUED A SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER BY
7 THE UNITED STATES SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION.

8 **SECTION 3. Act subject to petition - effective date -**
9 **applicability.** (1) This act takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following
10 the expiration of the ninety-day period after final adjournment of the
11 general assembly (August 5, 2020, if adjournment sine die is on May 6,
12 2020); except that, if a referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1
13 (3) of article V of the state constitution against this act or an item, section,
14 or part of this act within such period, then the act, item, section, or part
15 will not take effect unless approved by the people at the general election
16 to be held in November 2020 and, in such case, will take effect on the
17 date of the official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.

18 (2) This act applies to licenses issued on or after the applicable
19 effective date of this act.