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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 CONCERNING AN EXPANSION OF AN INDIVIDUAL'S ABILITY TO  
102 PRACTICE AN OCCUPATION IN COLORADO THROUGH CREATION  
103 OF AN OCCUPATIONAL CREDENTIAL PORTABILITY PROGRAM.

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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:

- ! Creates the occupational credential portability program that would apply to most professions and occupations regulated by the division of professions and occupations within the department of regulatory agencies;

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- ! Requires the director of the division and most regulatory boards and commissions within the division (regulators) to strive to reduce certification, registration, and licensure barriers for applicants; and
  - ! Gives regulators rule-making authority to establish an occupational credential portability program in the least burdensome way necessary to protect the public.
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1 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

2 **SECTION 1. Legislative declaration.** (1) The general assembly  
3 hereby:

4 (a) Finds that:

5 (I) Occupational credential requirements affect one in five  
6 Coloradans;

7 (II) Colorado is experiencing tremendous economic growth and  
8 a tight labor market; and

9 (III) Many new residents are skilled professionals who have been  
10 trained and licensed in another state;

11 (b) Determines that meaningful employment positively affects all  
12 Coloradans and the state economy; and

13 (c) Declares that:

14 (I) Regulators should seek to reduce barriers to entry in the  
15 workforce;

16 (II) Skilled professionals should be granted a Colorado  
17 occupational credential for substantially equivalent experience in another  
18 state unless the regulator can demonstrate a specific reason to withhold  
19 the credential; and

20 (III) Credentials should be provided in the least burdensome  
21 manner possible in order to get professionals to work as soon as possible.

22 **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 12-20-102, **add**

1 (10.5) as follows:

2 **12-20-102. Definitions.** As used in this title 12, unless the context  
3 otherwise requires:

4 (10.5) "OCCUPATIONAL CREDENTIAL PORTABILITY PROGRAM"  
5 MEANS THE PROGRAM ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO SECTION 12-20-202 (3)  
6 AND RULES ADOPTED BY A REGULATOR PURSUANT TO THAT SECTION.

7 **SECTION 3.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 12-20-202, **amend**  
8 (3) as follows:

9 **12-20-202. Licenses, certifications, and registrations - renewal**  
10 **- reinstatement - fees - occupational credential portability program**  
11 **- definitions - exceptions for military personnel - rules - consideration**  
12 **of criminal convictions - executive director authority.**

13 (3) **Occupational credential portability program.** (a) THERE IS  
14 HEREBY CREATED IN THE DIVISION THE OCCUPATIONAL CREDENTIAL  
15 PORTABILITY PROGRAM BY WHICH A REGULATOR MAY APPROVE AN  
16 APPLICATION FOR LICENSURE, CERTIFICATION, REGISTRATION, OR  
17 ENROLLMENT BY ENDORSEMENT, RECIPROCITY, OR TRANSFER. EACH  
18 REGULATOR SHALL STRIVE TO REDUCE BARRIERS FOR APPLICANTS UNDER  
19 THE OCCUPATIONAL CREDENTIAL PORTABILITY PROGRAM, INCLUDING  
20 THROUGH RECIPROCITY AGREEMENTS, COMPACTS, OR OTHER MEANS TO  
21 EXPEDITE LICENSURE, CERTIFICATION, REGISTRATION, OR ENROLLMENT  
22 AND SHALL ADOPT RULES TO IMPLEMENT THE PROGRAM IN THE LEAST  
23 BURDENSOME WAY NECESSARY TO PROTECT THE PUBLIC. UNLESS THERE  
24 ARE SPECIFIC REASONS TO WITHHOLD A LICENSE, CERTIFICATION,  
25 REGISTRATION, OR ENROLLMENT, A REGULATOR SHALL ISSUE A LICENSE,  
26 CERTIFICATION, REGISTRATION, OR ENROLLMENT, AS APPLICABLE, TO AN  
27 APPLICANT WHO MEETS THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS SUBSECTION (3) AND

1 RULES ADOPTED BY THE REGULATOR PURSUANT TO THIS SUBSECTION (3).

2 (b) (I) EXCEPT AS SPECIFIED IN SUBSECTION (3)(c) OF THIS  
3 SECTION, A PERSON DULY LICENSED, CERTIFIED, REGISTERED, OR  
4 ENROLLED IN GOOD STANDING IN ANOTHER STATE OR UNITED STATES  
5 TERRITORY TO PRACTICE A PARTICULAR PROFESSION OR OCCUPATION IS,  
6 UPON APPLICATION TO THE DIVISION FOR LICENSURE, CERTIFICATION,  
7 REGISTRATION, OR ENROLLMENT IN THAT PROFESSION OR OCCUPATION IN  
8 THIS STATE, ENTITLED TO THE ISSUANCE OF THE APPLICABLE LICENSE,  
9 CERTIFICATION, REGISTRATION, OR ENROLLMENT UPON:

10 (A) SUBMISSION OF SATISFACTORY PROOF TO THE REGULATOR,  
11 UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY, OF THE APPLICANT'S SUBSTANTIALLY  
12 EQUIVALENT EXPERIENCE OR CREDENTIALS AND THAT THE APPLICANT HAS  
13 NOT COMMITTED AN ACT THAT WOULD BE GROUNDS FOR DISCIPLINARY  
14 ACTION UNDER THE LAW GOVERNING THE APPLICABLE PROFESSION OR  
15 OCCUPATION; AND

16 (B) PAYMENT OF APPLICABLE FEES ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO  
17 SECTION 12-20-105.

18 (II) FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SUBSECTION (3)(b), "IN GOOD  
19 STANDING" MEANS THAT A LICENSE, CERTIFICATION, REGISTRATION, OR  
20 ENROLLMENT HAS NOT BEEN REVOKED OR SUSPENDED AND AGAINST  
21 WHICH THERE ARE NO OUTSTANDING DISCIPLINARY OR ADVERSE ACTIONS.

22 (c) AN APPLICANT IS NOT ENTITLED TO LICENSURE, CERTIFICATION,  
23 REGISTRATION, OR ENROLLMENT PURSUANT TO THIS SUBSECTION (3) IF THE  
24 REGULATOR DEMONSTRATES BY A PREPONDERANCE OF EVIDENCE, AFTER  
25 NOTICE AND OPPORTUNITY FOR A HEARING, THAT THE APPLICANT:

26 (I) LACKS THE REQUISITE SUBSTANTIALLY EQUIVALENT  
27 EXPERIENCE OR CREDENTIALS TO PRACTICE THE APPLICABLE OCCUPATION

1 OR PROFESSION; OR

2 (II) HAS COMMITTED AN ACT THAT WOULD BE GROUNDS FOR  
3 DISCIPLINARY ACTION UNDER THE LAW GOVERNING THE APPLICABLE  
4 PROFESSION OR OCCUPATION.

5 (d) A REGULATOR MAY SPECIFY BY RULE WHAT CONSTITUTES  
6 SUBSTANTIALLY EQUIVALENT EXPERIENCE OR CREDENTIALS AND, unless  
7 otherwise prohibited by this title 12, SHALL ALLOW an applicant for  
8 certification, registration, or licensure by endorsement ~~may~~ TO  
9 demonstrate competency in a specific occupation or profession as  
10 determined by the regulator in lieu of a requirement that the applicant has  
11 worked or practiced in that occupation or profession for a period of time  
12 prior to the application for endorsement.

13 (e) THIS SUBSECTION (3) DOES NOT APPLY TO THE FOLLOWING  
14 PROFESSIONS OR OCCUPATIONS:

15 (I) COMBATIVE SPORTS, REGULATED PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 110  
16 OF THIS TITLE 12;

17 (II) FANTASY CONTESTS, REGULATED PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 125  
18 OF THIS TITLE 12;

19 (III) MORTUARIES AND CREMATORIES, REGULATED PURSUANT TO  
20 ARTICLE 135 OF THIS TITLE 12;

21 (IV) NONTRANSPLANT TISSUE BANKS, REGULATED PURSUANT TO  
22 ARTICLE 140 OF THIS TITLE 12;

23 (V) OUTFITTERS AND GUIDES, REGULATED PURSUANT TO ARTICLE  
24 145 OF THIS TITLE 12;

25 (VI) PASSENGER TRAMWAYS, REGULATED PURSUANT TO ARTICLE  
26 150 OF THIS TITLE 12;

27 (VII) PLUMBERS, REGULATED PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 155 OF THIS

1 TITLE 12;

2 (VIII) DIRECT-ENTRY MIDWIVES, REGULATED PURSUANT TO  
3 ARTICLE 225 OF THIS TITLE 12; OR

4 (IX) SURGICAL ASSISTANTS AND SURGICAL TECHNOLOGISTS,  
5 REGULATED PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 310 OF THIS TITLE 12.

6 **SECTION 4.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **amend** 12-100-111  
7 as follows:

8 **12-100-111. Issuance of certificate by reciprocity.** ~~(1)~~ The  
9 board ~~in its discretion, may waive the examination of persons qualified~~  
10 ~~under this subsection (1) and~~ may issue a certificate of certified public  
11 accountant to AN APPLICANT WHO SATISFIES THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE  
12 OCCUPATIONAL CREDENTIAL PORTABILITY PROGRAM.

13 ~~(a) Any person who is the holder of a certificate of certified public~~  
14 ~~accountant issued after examination under the laws of another state and~~  
15 ~~who possesses the qualifications prescribed in section 12-100-107 for an~~  
16 ~~applicant applying for a certificate as of the time of the issuance of the~~  
17 ~~certificate by the other state or possesses substantially equivalent~~  
18 ~~qualifications;~~

19 ~~(b) A person who has passed an examination under the laws of~~  
20 ~~another state and who possesses the qualifications prescribed in section~~  
21 ~~12-100-107 at the time the person applies for a certificate in this state or~~  
22 ~~possesses substantially equivalent qualifications; or~~

23 ~~(c) Any person who is the holder of a certificate, license, or~~  
24 ~~degree in a foreign country that constitutes a recognized qualification for~~  
25 ~~the practice of public accounting in the country, is comparable to that of~~  
26 ~~a certified public accountant in this state, and is in full force and effect.~~

27 **SECTION 5.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 12-100-106, **repeal**

1 (3) as follows:

2 **12-100-106. Fees.** ~~(3) Any person making application for a~~  
3 ~~certificate of certified public accountant under section 12-100-111 shall~~  
4 ~~pay a fee authorized to be established pursuant to section 12-20-105 in~~  
5 ~~addition to the fee required in subsection (1) of this section.~~

6 **SECTION 6.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 12-100-107, **repeal**  
7 (1)(a) as follows:

8 **12-100-107. Certificate of certified public accountant -**  
9 **issuance - renewal - reinstatement - rules.** (1) The board shall grant a  
10 certificate of certified public accountant to any applicant who:

11 (a) ~~Meets the requirements of section 12-100-111;~~

12 **SECTION 7.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **amend** 12-105-115  
13 as follows:

14 **12-105-115. Licensure by endorsement.** ~~(1)~~ The director shall  
15 issue a license by endorsement to engage in the practice of barbering,  
16 cosmetology, hairstyling, manicuring, or esthetician services in this state  
17 to an individual who possesses an active license in good standing to  
18 practice in that profession in another state or territory of the United States  
19 or in a foreign country if the applicant presents proof that is satisfactory  
20 to the director, that the applicant WHO SATISFIES THE REQUIREMENTS OF  
21 THE OCCUPATIONAL CREDENTIAL PORTABILITY PROGRAM.

22 (a) ~~Possesses a valid license from another state or jurisdiction that~~  
23 ~~is substantially equivalent to the requirements in Colorado for licensure~~  
24 ~~and meets all other requirements for licensure pursuant to this article 105.~~  
25 ~~The director may specify by rule what shall constitute substantially~~  
26 ~~equivalent licensure and qualifications.~~

27 (b) ~~Has paid the prescribed licensure fees.~~

1           **SECTION 8.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **amend** 12-115-113  
2 as follows:

3           **12-115-113. License by endorsement or reciprocity.** ~~(1)~~ The  
4 board shall issue an electrical license by endorsement in this state to ~~any~~  
5 ~~person who is licensed to practice in another jurisdiction if the person~~  
6 ~~presents proof satisfactory to the board that, at the time of application for~~  
7 ~~a Colorado license by endorsement, the person possesses credentials and~~  
8 ~~qualifications that are substantially equivalent to requirements in~~  
9 ~~Colorado for licensure~~ AN APPLICANT WHO SATISFIES THE REQUIREMENTS  
10 OF THE OCCUPATIONAL CREDENTIAL PORTABILITY PROGRAM.

11           ~~(2)~~ The board shall issue an electrical license by reciprocity where  
12 ~~a reciprocal agreement for an equivalent license exists, pursuant to~~  
13 ~~section 12-115-107 (2)(i), between the board and the electrical board, or~~  
14 ~~its equivalent, of the state or states where the applicant is licensed. The~~  
15 ~~board shall strive to reduce barriers for Colorado licensees to be licensed~~  
16 ~~by endorsement or through reciprocity in other states.~~

17           ~~(3)~~ The board may specify by rule what shall constitute  
18 substantially equivalent credentials and qualifications.

19           **SECTION 9.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 12-120-211, **amend**  
20 (1) as follows:

21           **12-120-211. Qualifications for engineer-interns.** (1) ~~(a)~~ An  
22 applicant may qualify for enrollment as an engineer-intern by  
23 endorsement if the applicant is ~~enrolled in good standing in another~~  
24 ~~jurisdiction requiring qualifications substantially equivalent to those~~  
25 ~~currently required of applicants under this part 2 or if, at the time of initial~~  
26 ~~enrollment in the other jurisdiction, the applicant met the requirements for~~  
27 ~~enrollment then in existence under Colorado law~~ SATISFIES THE

1 REQUIREMENTS OF THE OCCUPATIONAL CREDENTIAL PORTABILITY  
2 PROGRAM.

3 ~~(b) Upon completion of the application and approval by the board,~~  
4 ~~the applicant shall be enrolled as an engineer-intern if the applicant is~~  
5 ~~otherwise qualified pursuant to section 12-120-210.~~

6 **SECTION 10.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 12-120-213, **amend**  
7 (1) as follows:

8 **12-120-213. Qualifications for professional engineer.**

9 (1) ~~(a)~~ An applicant may qualify for licensing as a professional engineer  
10 by endorsement if the applicant is licensed in good standing in another  
11 jurisdiction requiring qualifications substantially equivalent to those  
12 currently required of applicants under this part 2 or if, at the time of initial  
13 licensure in the other jurisdiction, the applicant met the requirements for  
14 licensure then in existence under Colorado law SATISFIES THE  
15 REQUIREMENTS OF THE OCCUPATIONAL CREDENTIAL PORTABILITY  
16 PROGRAM.

17 ~~(b) Upon completion of the application and approval by the board,~~  
18 ~~the applicant shall be licensed as a professional engineer if the applicant~~  
19 ~~is otherwise qualified pursuant to section 12-120-212.~~

20 **SECTION 11.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 12-120-215, **amend**  
21 (1)(a)(III) and (1)(b)(III) as follows:

22 **12-120-215. Fees - disposition.** (1) Pursuant to section  
23 12-20-105, the board shall charge and collect fees for the following:

24 (a) With respect to professional engineers:

25 (III) Application for licensure ~~by endorsement~~ PURSUANT TO THE  
26 OCCUPATIONAL CREDENTIAL PORTABILITY PROGRAM;

27 (b) With respect to engineer-interns:

1 (III) Application for enrollment ~~by endorsement~~ PURSUANT TO THE  
2 OCCUPATIONAL CREDENTIAL PORTABILITY PROGRAM.

3 **SECTION 12.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 12-120-311, **amend**  
4 (1) as follows:

5 **12-120-311. Qualifications for land surveyor-interns.**

6 (1) ~~(a)~~ An applicant may qualify for enrollment as a land surveyor-intern  
7 by endorsement if the applicant is ~~enrolled in good standing in another~~  
8 ~~jurisdiction requiring qualifications substantially equivalent to those~~  
9 ~~currently required of applicants under this part 3 or if, at the time of initial~~  
10 ~~enrollment in the other jurisdiction, the applicant met the requirements for~~  
11 ~~enrollment then in existence under Colorado law~~ SATISFIES THE  
12 REQUIREMENTS OF THE OCCUPATIONAL CREDENTIAL PORTABILITY  
13 PROGRAM.

14 ~~(b) Upon completion of the application and approval by the board,~~  
15 ~~the applicant shall be enrolled as a land surveyor-intern if the applicant~~  
16 ~~is otherwise qualified pursuant to section 12-120-310.~~

17 **SECTION 13.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 12-120-313, **amend**  
18 (1) as follows:

19 **12-120-313. Qualifications for professional land surveyor -**

20 **repeal.** (1) ~~(a)~~ An applicant may qualify for licensing as a professional  
21 land surveyor by endorsement and examination if the applicant passes the  
22 required examination or examinations pertaining to Colorado law IF THE  
23 APPLICANT SATISFIES THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE OCCUPATIONAL  
24 CREDENTIAL PORTABILITY PROGRAM.

25 ~~(b) In order to be admitted to the examination pursuant to~~  
26 ~~subsection (1)(a) of this section, the applicant shall be licensed in good~~  
27 ~~standing in another jurisdiction requiring qualifications substantially~~

1 ~~equivalent to those currently required of applicants under this part 3 or,~~  
2 ~~at the time of initial licensure in the other jurisdiction, have met the~~  
3 ~~requirements for licensure then in existence under Colorado law.~~

4 (c) ~~Upon passing the examination, the applicant shall be licensed~~  
5 ~~as a professional land surveyor if the applicant is otherwise qualified~~  
6 ~~pursuant to section 12-120-312.~~

7 **SECTION 14.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 12-120-315, **amend**  
8 (1)(a)(III) and (1)(b)(III) as follows:

9 **12-120-315. Fees - disposition.** (1) Pursuant to section  
10 12-20-105, the board shall charge and collect fees for the following:

11 (a) With respect to professional land surveyors:

12 (III) Application for licensure ~~by endorsement and examination~~  
13 PURSUANT TO THE OCCUPATIONAL CREDENTIAL PORTABILITY PROGRAM;

14 (b) With respect to land surveyor-interns:

15 (III) Application for enrollment as a land surveyor-intern ~~by~~  
16 ~~endorsement~~ PURSUANT TO THE OCCUPATIONAL CREDENTIAL PORTABILITY  
17 PROGRAM.

18 **SECTION 15.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 12-120-413, **amend**  
19 (3) as follows:

20 **12-120-413. Qualifications for architect licensure.** (3) An  
21 applicant ~~for~~ MAY OBTAIN licensure by endorsement ~~must hold a license~~  
22 ~~in good standing in a jurisdiction requiring qualifications substantially~~  
23 ~~equivalent to those currently required for licensure by examination as~~  
24 ~~provided in section 12-120-409 (1) and subsections (1) and (2) of this~~  
25 ~~section and shall submit an application as prescribed by the board. The~~  
26 ~~board shall provide procedures for an applicant to apply directly to the~~  
27 ~~board~~ IF THE APPLICANT SATISFIES THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE

1 OCCUPATIONAL CREDENTIAL PORTABILITY PROGRAM. The board may also  
2 provide an alternative application procedure so that an applicant may, at  
3 ~~his or her~~ THE APPLICANT'S option, instead apply to a national  
4 clearinghouse designated by the board. The national clearinghouse shall  
5 then forward the application to the board.

6 **SECTION 16.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 12-130-109, **amend**  
7 (1)(c)(II); and **repeal** (4) as follows:

8 **12-130-109. Licensure - application - qualifications - rules.**

9 (1) **Application.** (c) Applicants may seek licensure in one of the  
10 following manners:

11 (II) Licensure by endorsement ~~as described in subsection (4) of~~  
12 ~~this section~~ PURSUANT TO THE OCCUPATIONAL CREDENTIAL PORTABILITY  
13 PROGRAM; or

14 (4) ~~**Licensure by endorsement.** (a) An applicant for licensure by~~  
15 ~~endorsement shall file an application as prescribed by the board and shall~~  
16 ~~hold a current valid license or registration in a jurisdiction requiring~~  
17 ~~qualifications substantially equivalent to those required for licensure by~~  
18 ~~subsections (2) and (3) of this section.~~

19 (b) ~~The board shall provide procedures for an applicant to apply~~  
20 ~~directly to the board for a license by endorsement. A certified record from~~  
21 ~~the Council of Landscape Architectural Registration Boards, or its~~  
22 ~~successor organization, shall qualify a candidate to submit an application~~  
23 ~~to the board for licensure by endorsement.~~

24 (c) ~~The board may develop or adopt a supplementary examination~~  
25 ~~to measure the minimum competence of applicants for licensure by~~  
26 ~~endorsement. The supplementary examination shall be administered at the~~  
27 ~~discretion of the board when an applicant for licensure by endorsement~~

1 ~~has otherwise failed to sufficiently demonstrate minimum competence.~~

2 **SECTION 17.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **amend** 12-200-107  
3 as follows:

4 **12-200-107. Licensure by endorsement.** ~~(1)~~ The director shall  
5 issue a license by endorsement to engage in the practice of acupuncture  
6 in this state to any applicant who ~~has a license in good standing as an~~  
7 ~~acupuncturist under the laws of another jurisdiction if the applicant~~  
8 ~~presents satisfactory proof to the director that, at the time of application~~  
9 ~~for a license by endorsement, the applicant possesses substantially~~  
10 ~~equivalent credentials and qualifications to those required for licensure~~  
11 ~~pursuant to this article 200~~ SATISFIES THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE  
12 OCCUPATIONAL CREDENTIAL PORTABILITY PROGRAM.

13 ~~(2)~~ The director shall specify by rule what shall constitute  
14 "substantially equivalent credentials and qualifications" for the purposes  
15 of this section.

16 ~~(3)~~ For the purposes of this section, "in good standing" means a  
17 license that has not been revoked or suspended, or against which there are  
18 no disciplinary or adverse actions.

19 **SECTION 18.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 12-205-108, **amend**  
20 (3) as follows:

21 **12-205-108. Requirements for license - license by endorsement**  
22 **- application - denial.** (3) ~~(a)~~ To be licensed by endorsement, an  
23 applicant must ~~file an application and pay a fee as prescribed by the~~  
24 ~~director and must hold a current, valid license or registration in a~~  
25 ~~jurisdiction that requires qualifications substantially equivalent to those~~  
26 ~~required for licensure by subsection (1) of this section~~ SATISFY THE  
27 REQUIREMENTS OF THE OCCUPATIONAL CREDENTIAL PORTABILITY

1 PROGRAM.

2 (b) ~~To be licensed by endorsement, an applicant must submit, with~~  
3 ~~the application, verification that the applicant has actively practiced for~~  
4 ~~a period of time determined by rules of the director or has otherwise~~  
5 ~~maintained continued competency as determined by the director.~~

6 (c) ~~Upon receipt of all documents required by subsections (3)(a)~~  
7 ~~and (3)(b) of this section, the director shall review the application and~~  
8 ~~make a determination of the applicant's qualifications to be licensed by~~  
9 ~~endorsement.~~

10 (d) ~~The director may deny licensure if the applicant has committed~~  
11 ~~an act that would be grounds for disciplinary action under section~~  
12 ~~12-205-111.~~

13 **SECTION 19.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **amend** 12-210-107  
14 as follows:

15 **12-210-107. Licensure by endorsement.** ~~(1)~~ The director shall  
16 issue a license by endorsement to engage in the practice of audiology in  
17 this state to an individual who possesses an active license in good  
18 standing to practice audiology in another state or territory of the United  
19 States or in a foreign country if the applicant WHO SATISFIES THE  
20 REQUIREMENTS OF THE OCCUPATIONAL CREDENTIAL PORTABILITY  
21 PROGRAM.

22 (a) ~~Presents satisfactory proof to the director that the individual~~  
23 ~~possesses a valid license from another state or jurisdiction that requires~~  
24 ~~qualifications substantially equivalent to the qualifications for licensure~~  
25 ~~in this state and meets all other requirements for licensure pursuant to this~~  
26 ~~article 210; and~~

27 (b) ~~Pays the license fee established under section 12-20-105.~~

1           (2) The director may specify by rule what constitutes substantially  
2 equivalent qualifications for the purposes of this section.

3           **SECTION 20.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **amend** 12-215-109  
4 as follows:

5           **12-215-109. Licensure by endorsement.** ~~(1) Upon application~~  
6 ~~for a license to practice chiropractic in this state, accompanied by the~~  
7 ~~required fee, the board shall issue a license to any person who furnishes,~~  
8 ~~upon the form and in the manner the board prescribes, evidence~~  
9 ~~satisfactory to the board that:~~

10           ~~(a) The applicant is licensed to practice chiropractic in another~~  
11 ~~state, a territory of the United States, the District of Columbia, the~~  
12 ~~commonwealth of Puerto Rico, or a province of Canada; and~~

13           ~~(b) At the time of application under this section, the applicant~~  
14 ~~possesses credentials and qualifications that are, in the judgment of the~~  
15 ~~board, equivalent to this state's requirements for licensure by~~  
16 ~~examination; and~~

17           ~~(c)(I) The applicant has been engaged in the full-time practice of~~  
18 ~~chiropractic, or has taught general clinical chiropractic subjects at an~~  
19 ~~accredited school of chiropractic, as set forth in section 12-215-106 (1),~~  
20 ~~in one of the jurisdictions referred to in subsection (1)(a) of this section~~  
21 ~~for at least three of the five years immediately preceding the date of the~~  
22 ~~receipt of the application; or~~

23           ~~(II) The applicant has demonstrated competency as a chiropractor~~  
24 ~~as determined by the board; and~~

25           ~~(d) The applicant has not been convicted of a crime that would be~~  
26 ~~grounds for the refusal, suspension, or revocation of a license to practice~~  
27 ~~chiropractic in this state if committed in this state; and~~

1           ~~(e) The applicant's license to practice chiropractic is in good~~  
2 ~~standing~~ AN APPLICANT MAY OBTAIN LICENSURE BY ENDORSEMENT IF THE  
3 APPLICANT SATISFIES THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE OCCUPATIONAL  
4 CREDENTIAL PORTABILITY PROGRAM.

5           **SECTION 21.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **amend** 12-220-118  
6 as follows:

7           **12-220-118. Dentist - licensure by endorsement.** ~~(1)~~ The board  
8 shall ~~provide for licensure upon application of any person licensed in~~  
9 ~~good standing to practice dentistry in another state or territory of the~~  
10 ~~United States who provides the credentials and meets the qualifications~~  
11 ~~set forth in this section in the manner prescribed by the board~~ ISSUE A  
12 LICENSE BY ENDORSEMENT TO AN APPLICANT WHO SATISFIES THE  
13 REQUIREMENTS OF THE OCCUPATIONAL CREDENTIAL PORTABILITY  
14 PROGRAM.

15           ~~(2) The board shall issue a license to an applicant licensed as a~~  
16 ~~dentist in another state or territory of the United States if the applicant has~~  
17 ~~submitted credentials and qualifications for licensure that include:~~

18           ~~(a) Proof of graduation from an accredited dental school;~~

19           ~~(b) Proof the applicant is currently licensed in another state or~~  
20 ~~United States territory;~~

21           ~~(c) Proof the applicant has been in practice or teaching dentistry,~~  
22 ~~which involves personally providing care to patients for not less than~~  
23 ~~three hundred hours annually in an accredited dental school for a~~  
24 ~~minimum of five years out of the seven years immediately preceding the~~  
25 ~~date of the receipt of the application, or evidence that the applicant has~~  
26 ~~demonstrated competency as a dentist as determined by the board;~~

27           ~~(d) Proof the applicant has not been subject to final or pending~~

1 ~~disciplinary action by any state in which the applicant is or has been~~  
2 ~~previously licensed; except that, if the applicant has been subject to~~  
3 ~~disciplinary action, the board may review the disciplinary action to~~  
4 ~~determine whether the underlying conduct warrants refusal to issue a~~  
5 ~~license;~~

6 ~~(e) Proof the applicant has passed an entry level examination~~  
7 ~~acceptable to the board; and~~

8 ~~(f) Proof the applicant has met any more stringent criteria~~  
9 ~~established by the board.~~

10 **SECTION 22.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **amend** 12-220-126  
11 as follows:

12 **12-220-126. Dental hygienist - licensure by endorsement.**

13 ~~(1) The board shall provide for licensure upon application of any person~~  
14 ~~licensed in good standing to practice dental hygiene in another state or~~  
15 ~~territory of the United States who has met the requirements of section~~  
16 ~~12-220-124 and provides the credentials and meets the qualifications set~~  
17 ~~forth in this section in the manner prescribed by the board~~ ISSUE A  
18 LICENSE BY ENDORSEMENT TO AN APPLICANT WHO SATISFIES THE  
19 REQUIREMENTS OF THE OCCUPATIONAL CREDENTIAL PORTABILITY  
20 PROGRAM.

21 ~~(2) The board shall issue a license to an applicant duly licensed as~~  
22 ~~a dental hygienist in another state or territory of the United States who has~~  
23 ~~submitted credentials and qualifications for licensure in Colorado that~~  
24 ~~include:~~

25 ~~(a) Verification of licensure from any other jurisdiction where the~~  
26 ~~applicant has held a dental hygiene or other health care license;~~

27 ~~(b) Evidence of the applicant's successful completion of the~~

1 national board dental examination administered by the Joint Commission  
2 on National Dental Examinations;

3 ~~(c) (I) Verification that the applicant has been engaged either in  
4 clinical practice or in teaching dental hygiene or dentistry in an accredited  
5 program for at least one year during the three years immediately  
6 preceding the date of the receipt of the application; or~~

7 ~~(H) Evidence that the applicant has demonstrated competency as  
8 a dental hygienist as determined by the board;~~

9 ~~(d) A report of any pending or final disciplinary actions against  
10 any health care license held by the applicant at any time; and~~

11 ~~(e) A report of any pending or final malpractice actions against the  
12 applicant.~~

13 **SECTION 23.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **amend** 12-230-203  
14 as follows:

15 **12-230-203. Licensure by endorsement.** ~~(1)~~ The director shall  
16 issue a license by endorsement to practice as a hearing aid provider in this  
17 state to an individual who possesses an active license in good standing to  
18 practice in that profession in another state or territory of the United States  
19 or in a foreign country if the applicant WHO SATISFIES THE REQUIREMENTS  
20 OF THE OCCUPATIONAL CREDENTIAL PORTABILITY PROGRAM.

21 ~~(a) Presents proof satisfactory to the director that the individual  
22 possesses a valid license from another state or jurisdiction that requires  
23 qualifications substantially equivalent to the qualifications for licensure  
24 in this state and meets all other requirements for licensure pursuant to this  
25 article 230; and~~

26 ~~(b) Pays the licensure fee established under section 12-20-105.~~

27 ~~(2) The director may specify by rule what constitutes substantially~~

1 ~~equivalent qualifications for the purposes of this section.~~

2           **SECTION 24.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 12-235-108, **amend**  
3 (4) as follows:

4           **12-235-108. License - denial of license application.** (4) The  
5 director shall issue a license BY ENDORSEMENT to an applicant who  
6 ~~otherwise meets the qualifications set forth in this article 235 and who~~  
7 ~~submits satisfactory proof and certifies under penalty of perjury that the~~  
8 ~~applicant currently possesses an unrestricted license or registration, in~~  
9 ~~good standing, to practice massage therapy under the laws of another state~~  
10 ~~or territory of the United States or a foreign country if:~~ SATISFIES THE  
11 REQUIREMENTS OF THE OCCUPATIONAL CREDENTIAL PORTABILITY  
12 PROGRAM.

13           ~~(a) The director determines that the qualifications for massage~~  
14 ~~therapy licensure or registration in the other state, territory, or foreign~~  
15 ~~country are substantially equivalent to those required by this section;~~

16           ~~(b) The applicant submits proof of experience and competency on~~  
17 ~~a form determined by the director;~~

18           ~~(c) The applicant submits to a criminal history record check~~  
19 ~~pursuant to subsection (2) of this section; and~~

20           ~~(d) The director reviews any disciplinary actions taken against the~~  
21 ~~applicant.~~

22           **SECTION 25.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 12-240-110, **amend**  
23 (1) introductory portion and (1)(d) as follows:

24           **12-240-110. Qualifications for licensure.** (1) Subject to the  
25 other conditions and provisions of this article 240, THE BOARD SHALL  
26 GRANT a license to practice medicine ~~shall be granted by the board to an~~  
27 applicant only upon the basis of:

1 (d) ~~(f)~~ Endorsement, if the applicant for licensure by endorsement  
2 SATISFIES THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE OCCUPATIONAL CREDENTIAL  
3 PORTABILITY PROGRAM.

4 ~~(A) Files an application and pays a fee as prescribed by the board;~~

5 ~~(B) Holds a current, valid license in a jurisdiction that requires~~  
6 ~~qualifications substantially equivalent to the qualifications for licensure~~  
7 ~~in this state as specified in this section;~~

8 ~~(C) Submits written verification that he or she has actively~~  
9 ~~practiced medicine in another jurisdiction for at least five of the~~  
10 ~~immediately preceding seven years or has otherwise maintained continued~~  
11 ~~competency as determined by the board; and~~

12 ~~(D) Submits proof satisfactory to the board that he or she has not~~  
13 ~~been and is not subject to final or pending disciplinary or other action by~~  
14 ~~any state or jurisdiction in which the applicant is or has been previously~~  
15 ~~licensed; except that, if the applicant is or has been subject to action, the~~  
16 ~~board may review the action to determine whether the underlying conduct~~  
17 ~~warrants refusal of a license pursuant to section 12-240-120.~~

18 ~~(H) Upon receipt of all documents required by this subsection~~  
19 ~~(1)(d), the board shall review the application and make a determination~~  
20 ~~of the applicant's qualification to be licensed by endorsement.~~

21 **SECTION 26.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **amend** 12-245-207  
22 as follows:

23 **12-245-207. Licensure by endorsement.** A board may issue a  
24 license by endorsement to engage in the practice of psychology, social  
25 work, marriage and family therapy, professional counseling, or addiction  
26 counseling to an applicant who ~~has a license, registration, or certification~~  
27 ~~in good standing as a psychologist, social worker, marriage and family~~

1 therapist, licensed professional counselor, or addiction counselor under  
2 the laws of another jurisdiction if the applicant presents proof satisfactory  
3 to the board that, at the time of application for a Colorado license by  
4 endorsement, the applicant possesses credentials and qualifications that  
5 are substantially equivalent to the requirements of section 12-245-304,  
6 12-245-404, 12-245-504, 12-245-604, or 12-245-804, whichever is  
7 applicable. Each board shall promulgate rules setting forth the manner in  
8 which the board will review credentials and qualifications of an applicant  
9 SATISFIES THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE OCCUPATIONAL CREDENTIAL  
10 PORTABILITY PROGRAM.

11 **SECTION 27.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 12-250-107, **amend**  
12 (3) as follows:

13 **12-250-107. Registration required - qualifications -**  
14 **examination - registration by endorsement - rules.** (3) The director  
15 may issue a registration by endorsement to engage in the practice of  
16 naturopathic medicine to an applicant who has a license, certification, or  
17 registration in good standing as a naturopathic doctor under the laws of  
18 another jurisdiction if the applicant presents satisfactory proof to the  
19 director that, at the time of application for a Colorado registration by  
20 endorsement, the applicant possesses credentials and qualifications that  
21 are substantially equivalent to the requirements of this section. The  
22 director may adopt rules concerning the necessary applicant credentials  
23 and qualifications SATISFIES THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE OCCUPATIONAL  
24 CREDENTIAL PORTABILITY PROGRAM.

25 **SECTION 28.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 12-255-110, **amend**  
26 (2) as follows:

27 **12-255-110. Requirements for professional nurse licensure.**

1 (2) The board may issue a license by endorsement to engage in the  
2 practice of professional nursing in this state to a nurse who is licensed to  
3 practice professional nursing in another state or a territory of the United  
4 States or in a foreign country if the applicant presents proof satisfactory  
5 to the board that, at the time of application for a Colorado license by  
6 endorsement, the applicant possesses credentials and qualifications that  
7 are substantially equivalent to requirements in Colorado for licensure by  
8 examination. The board may specify by rule what shall constitute  
9 substantially equivalent credentials and qualifications SATISFIES THE  
10 REQUIREMENTS OF THE OCCUPATIONAL CREDENTIAL PORTABILITY  
11 PROGRAM.

12 **SECTION 29.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 12-255-111, **amend**  
13 (3)(c) as follows:

14 **12-255-111. Requirements for advanced practice nurse**  
15 **registration - legislative declaration - advanced practice registry -**  
16 **rules.** (3) (c) A professional nurse may be included in the advanced  
17 practice registry by endorsement if the professional nurse meets ~~one of~~  
18 ~~the following qualifying standards:~~ THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE  
19 OCCUPATIONAL CREDENTIAL PORTABILITY PROGRAM.

20 ~~(I) The professional nurse is recognized as an advanced practice~~  
21 ~~nurse in another state or jurisdiction and has practiced as an advanced~~  
22 ~~practice nurse for at least two of the last five years immediately preceding~~  
23 ~~the date of application for inclusion in the advanced practice registry; or~~

24 ~~(H) The professional nurse holds national certification as provided~~  
25 ~~in subsection (3)(b) of this section and possesses an appropriate graduate~~  
26 ~~degree as determined by the board.~~

27 **SECTION 30.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 12-255-114, **amend**

1 (2) as follows:

2 **12-255-114. Requirements for practical nurse licensure.**

3 (2) The board may issue a license by endorsement to engage in the  
4 practice of practical nursing in this state to any applicant who ~~has been~~  
5 ~~duly licensed or registered as a practical nurse or who is entitled to~~  
6 ~~perform similar services under laws of another state or a territory of the~~  
7 ~~United States or a foreign country if the applicant presents proof~~  
8 ~~satisfactory to the board that, at the time of application for a Colorado~~  
9 ~~license by endorsement, the applicant possesses credentials and~~  
10 ~~qualifications that are substantially equivalent to requirements in~~  
11 ~~Colorado for licensure by examination. The board may specify by rule~~  
12 ~~what shall constitute substantially equivalent credentials and~~  
13 ~~qualifications~~ SATISFIES THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE OCCUPATIONAL  
14 CREDENTIAL PORTABILITY PROGRAM.

15 **SECTION 31.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 12-255-117, **amend**  
16 (1) as follows:

17 **12-255-117. Temporary licenses and permits.** (1) The board  
18 may issue a temporary license to practice for a period of four months to  
19 an applicant for licensure by endorsement ~~pending compliance with the~~  
20 ~~requirements for licensure. To obtain a temporary license, the applicant~~  
21 ~~for licensure by endorsement shall show evidence of current licensure in~~  
22 ~~another state or country or in a territory of the United States~~ PURSUANT TO  
23 THE OCCUPATIONAL CREDENTIAL PORTABILITY PROGRAM.

24 **SECTION 32.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **amend** 12-260-107  
25 as follows:

26 **12-260-107. Certification by endorsement.** ~~(1)~~ Every AN  
27 applicant ~~for~~ MAY OBTAIN certification by endorsement ~~shall pay the~~

1 required application fee, shall submit the information required by the  
2 board in the manner and form specified by the board, and shall submit  
3 written evidence that the applicant: IF THE APPLICANT SATISFIES THE  
4 REQUIREMENTS OF THE OCCUPATIONAL CREDENTIAL PORTABILITY  
5 PROGRAM.

6 (a) ~~Is certified to practice as a nurse aide by another state or~~  
7 ~~territory of the United States with requirements that are essentially similar~~  
8 ~~to the requirements for certification set out in this article 260 and that the~~  
9 ~~certification is in good standing;~~

10 (b) ~~Has not committed any act or omission that would be grounds~~  
11 ~~for discipline or denial of certification under this article 260;~~

12 (c) ~~Has successfully completed an education program approved~~  
13 ~~by the board or a nurse aide training program that meets the standards for~~  
14 ~~the programs specified in this article 260 and those standards set by the~~  
15 ~~board; and~~

16 (d) ~~Has no record of abuse, negligence, or misappropriation of~~  
17 ~~resident's property or any disciplinary action taken or pending in any other~~  
18 ~~state or territory against the certification.~~

19 **SECTION 33.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **amend** 12-265-112  
20 as follows:

21 **12-265-112. Licensure by endorsement.** ~~(1)(a)~~ The board shall  
22 issue a license to ~~any person duly licensed to practice nursing home~~  
23 ~~administration in another state or territory of the United States who:~~ BY  
24 ENDORSEMENT TO AN APPLICANT WHO SATISFIES THE REQUIREMENTS OF  
25 THE OCCUPATIONAL CREDENTIAL PORTABILITY PROGRAM.

26 ~~(1) Provides written documentation verifying that the applicant has~~  
27 ~~passed a national examination administered by a nationally recognized~~

1 ~~testing entity for nursing home administrators and has passed an~~  
2 ~~examination in another state; and~~

3 ~~(H) Successfully completes the Colorado state examination~~  
4 ~~provided in section 12-265-111.~~

5 ~~(b) For purposes of this section, "state or territory" includes the~~  
6 ~~District of Columbia and the commonwealth of Puerto Rico.~~

7 ~~(2) An applicant for licensure under this section shall submit to~~  
8 ~~the board, in a manner prescribed by the board, all of the following:~~

9 ~~(a) Evidence that the applicant holds a current, active license to~~  
10 ~~practice nursing home administration issued by a state or territory of the~~  
11 ~~United States other than Colorado. The evidence shall include a license~~  
12 ~~history from the state or territory that issued the license, indicating~~  
13 ~~whether any disciplinary or other adverse actions are currently pending~~  
14 ~~or have ever been taken in connection with that license and the final~~  
15 ~~disposition of these actions, if any. If an applicant is or has been licensed~~  
16 ~~in more than one state or territory other than Colorado, the applicant shall~~  
17 ~~submit a license history or similar record as described in this subsection~~  
18 ~~(2)(a) from each such state or territory.~~

19 ~~(b) A license history or similar record, as described in subsection~~  
20 ~~(2)(a) of this section, relating to any license or registration that the~~  
21 ~~applicant holds or has held in any other health care occupation in any~~  
22 ~~state or territory other than Colorado. For purposes of this section, "health~~  
23 ~~care occupation" includes without limitation the practices of medicine,~~  
24 ~~dentistry, psychiatry, psychology, nursing, physical therapy, gerontology,~~  
25 ~~chiropractic, podiatry, midwifery, optometry, pharmacy, and any other~~  
26 ~~practice in which individuals are treated for medical or psychological~~  
27 ~~problems or conditions, as well as the rendition of any service supportive~~

1 to or ancillary to those practices.

2 (c) (I) ~~Verification that the applicant has been engaged in the~~  
3 ~~practice of nursing home administration, has taught in a health care~~  
4 ~~administration program, or has served as a member of a nursing home~~  
5 ~~survey or accreditation team for one year immediately preceding the date~~  
6 ~~of the receipt of the application, or has been engaged in one of the~~  
7 ~~services described in this subsection (2)(c)(I) for three of the five years~~  
8 ~~immediately preceding the date of the receipt of the application; or~~

9 (H) ~~Evidence that the applicant has demonstrated competency as~~  
10 ~~a nursing home administrator as determined by the board.~~

11 **SECTION 34.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 12-270-107, **amend**  
12 (5) as follows:

13 **12-270-107. Licensure of occupational therapists - application**  
14 **- qualifications. (5) Licensure by endorsement. (a)** An applicant for  
15 MAY OBTAIN licensure by endorsement ~~must file an application and pay~~  
16 ~~a fee as prescribed by the director and must hold a current, valid license~~  
17 ~~or registration in a jurisdiction that requires qualifications substantially~~  
18 ~~equivalent to those required by subsection (1) of this section for licensure~~  
19 IF THE APPLICANT SATISFIES THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE OCCUPATIONAL  
20 CREDENTIAL PORTABILITY PROGRAM.

21 (b) ~~An applicant for licensure by endorsement must submit with~~  
22 ~~the application verification that the applicant has actively practiced for a~~  
23 ~~period of time determined by rules of the director or otherwise maintained~~  
24 ~~competency as determined by the director.~~

25 (c) ~~Upon receipt of all documents required by subsections (5)(a)~~  
26 ~~and (5)(b) of this section, the director shall review the application and~~  
27 ~~make a determination of the applicant's qualification to be licensed by~~

1 endorsement.

2 ~~(d) The director may deny the application for licensure by~~  
3 ~~endorsement if the applicant has committed an act that would be grounds~~  
4 ~~for disciplinary action under section 12-270-114.~~

5 **SECTION 35.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 12-270-108, **amend**  
6 (5) as follows:

7 **12-270-108. Occupational therapy assistants - licensure -**  
8 **application - qualifications. (5) Licensure by endorsement. (a)** An  
9 applicant ~~for~~ MAY OBTAIN licensure by endorsement ~~must file an~~  
10 ~~application and pay a fee as prescribed by the director and must hold a~~  
11 ~~current, valid license or registration in a jurisdiction that requires~~  
12 ~~qualifications substantially equivalent to those required for licensure by~~  
13 ~~subsection (1) of this section~~ IF THE APPLICANT SATISFIES THE  
14 REQUIREMENTS OF THE OCCUPATIONAL CREDENTIAL PORTABILITY  
15 PROGRAM.

16 ~~(b) An applicant for licensure by endorsement must submit with~~  
17 ~~the application verification that the applicant has actively practiced as an~~  
18 ~~occupational therapy assistant for a period of time determined by rules of~~  
19 ~~the director or otherwise maintained competency as an occupational~~  
20 ~~therapy assistant as determined by the director.~~

21 ~~(c) Upon receipt of all documents required by subsections (5)(a)~~  
22 ~~and (5)(b) of this section, the director shall review the application and~~  
23 ~~make a determination of the applicant's qualification to be licensed by~~  
24 ~~endorsement as an occupational therapy assistant.~~

25 ~~(d) The director may deny the license if the applicant has~~  
26 ~~committed an act that would be grounds for disciplinary action under~~  
27 ~~section 12-270-114.~~

1           **SECTION 36.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 12-275-110, **amend**  
2 (2) as follows:

3           **12-275-110. Application for license - licensure by**  
4 **endorsement.** (2) (a) The board may issue a license by endorsement to  
5 engage in the practice of optometry to an applicant who SATISFIES THE  
6 REQUIREMENTS OF THE OCCUPATIONAL CREDENTIAL PORTABILITY  
7 PROGRAM.

8           ~~(I) (A) Is currently licensed and is in practice and good standing~~  
9 ~~in another state or territory of the United States or in a foreign country if~~  
10 ~~the applicant presents proof satisfactory to the board at the time of~~  
11 ~~application for a Colorado license by endorsement;~~

12           ~~(B) Pays a fee as prescribed by the board; and~~

13           ~~(H) (A) Possesses credentials and qualifications that are~~  
14 ~~substantially equivalent to requirements for licensure by examination; or~~

15           ~~(B) Has demonstrated competency as an optometrist as~~  
16 ~~determined by the board.~~

17           ~~(b) The board shall specify by rule what shall constitute~~  
18 ~~substantially equivalent credentials and qualifications or competency.~~

19           **SECTION 37.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 12-280-114, **amend**  
20 (8) as follows:

21           **12-280-114. Licensure, certification, or registration -**  
22 **applicability - applications - licensure and certification requirements**  
23 **- rules.** (8) A person licensed by examination and in good standing in  
24 another state may apply for a license transfer ~~The board shall designate~~  
25 ~~a clearinghouse for license transfer applicants, and a person applying for~~  
26 ~~a license transfer shall apply through the clearinghouse designated by the~~  
27 ~~board~~ PURSUANT TO THE OCCUPATIONAL CREDENTIAL PORTABILITY

1 PROGRAM.

2 SECTION 38. In Colorado Revised Statutes, **amend** 12-285-112  
3 as follows:

4 **12-285-112. Licensure by endorsement.** ~~(1)~~ An applicant for  
5 MAY OBTAIN licensure by endorsement ~~shall~~; IF THE APPLICANT SATISFIES  
6 THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE OCCUPATIONAL CREDENTIAL PORTABILITY  
7 PROGRAM.

8 ~~(a) Possess a valid license in good standing from another state or~~  
9 ~~territory of the United States;~~

10 ~~(b) Submit an application in the form and manner designated by~~  
11 ~~the director; and~~

12 ~~(c) Pay a fee in an amount determined by the director.~~

13 ~~(2) Upon receipt of all documents required by subsection (1) of~~  
14 ~~this section, the director shall review the application and determine if the~~  
15 ~~applicant is qualified to be licensed by endorsement.~~

16 ~~(3) The board shall issue a license if the applicant fulfills the~~  
17 ~~requirements of subsection (1) of this section and meets any one of the~~  
18 ~~following qualifying standards:~~

19 ~~(a) The applicant graduated from an accredited program within the~~  
20 ~~past two years and passed an examination substantially equivalent to that~~  
21 ~~specified in section 12-285-110 (1)(b);~~

22 ~~(b) The applicant has practiced as a licensed physical therapist for~~  
23 ~~at least two of the five years immediately preceding the date of the~~  
24 ~~application;~~

25 ~~(c) The applicant has:~~

26 ~~(i) Not practiced as a licensed physical therapist at least two of the~~  
27 ~~last five years immediately preceding the date of the receipt of the~~

1 application;

2 (H) ~~Passed an examination in another jurisdiction that is~~  
3 ~~substantially equivalent to the examination specified in section~~  
4 ~~12-285-110 (1)(b); and~~

5 (HH) ~~Demonstrated competency through successful completion of~~  
6 ~~an internship or demonstrated competency as a physical therapist by~~  
7 ~~fulfilling the requirements established by rules of the board.~~

8 (4) ~~The board may deny a license if the applicant has committed~~  
9 ~~an act that would be grounds for disciplinary action under section~~  
10 ~~12-285-120.~~

11 **SECTION 39.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **amend** 12-285-206  
12 as follows:

13 **12-285-206. Certification by endorsement.** ~~(1)~~ An applicant for  
14 MAY OBTAIN certification by endorsement ~~shall~~. IF THE APPLICANT  
15 SATISFIES THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE OCCUPATIONAL CREDENTIAL  
16 PORTABILITY PROGRAM.

17 (a) ~~Possess a valid license, certification, or registration in good~~  
18 ~~standing from another state or territory of the United States;~~

19 (b) ~~Submit an application in the form and manner designated by~~  
20 ~~the director; and~~

21 (c) ~~Pay a fee in an amount determined by the director.~~

22 (2) ~~Upon receipt of all documents required by subsection (1) of~~  
23 ~~this section, the director shall review the application and make a~~  
24 ~~determination of the applicant's qualification to be certified by~~  
25 ~~endorsement.~~

26 (3) The board shall issue a certification if the applicant fulfills the  
27 requirements of subsection (1) of this section and meets any one of the

1 following qualifying standards:

2 (a) ~~The applicant graduated from an accredited program within the~~  
3 ~~past two years and passed an examination substantially equivalent to the~~  
4 ~~examination specified in section 12-285-205 (1)(b);~~

5 (b) ~~The applicant has practiced as a licensed, certified, or~~  
6 ~~registered physical therapist assistant for at least two of the five years~~  
7 ~~immediately preceding the date of the application; or~~

8 (c) ~~The applicant has passed an examination in another~~  
9 ~~jurisdiction that is substantially equivalent to the examination specified~~  
10 ~~in section 12-285-205 (1)(b), and has demonstrated competency through~~  
11 ~~successful completion of an internship or demonstrated competency as a~~  
12 ~~physical therapist assistant by fulfilling the requirements established by~~  
13 ~~rules of the board.~~

14 (4) ~~The board may deny certification if the applicant has~~  
15 ~~committed an act that would be grounds for disciplinary action under~~  
16 ~~section 12-285-211.~~

17 **SECTION 40.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **amend** 12-290-112  
18 as follows:

19 **12-290-112. Licensure by endorsement.** ~~(1)~~ The board may  
20 issue a license by endorsement to engage in the practice of podiatry in this  
21 state to any applicant who has a license in good standing as a podiatrist  
22 under the laws of another jurisdiction if the applicant presents proof  
23 satisfactory to the board that, at the time of application for a Colorado  
24 license by endorsement, the applicant possesses credentials and  
25 qualifications that are substantially equivalent to requirements in  
26 Colorado for licensure by examination, and that in the two years  
27 immediately preceding the date of the application the applicant has been

1 engaged in the active practice of podiatry as defined by the board or can  
2 otherwise demonstrate competency as determined by the board. The board  
3 may specify by rule what shall constitute substantially equivalent  
4 credentials and qualifications SATISFIES THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE  
5 OCCUPATIONAL CREDENTIAL PORTABILITY PROGRAM.

6 (2) ~~A fee to be set by the board shall be charged for registration~~  
7 ~~by endorsement.~~

8 (3) ~~"In good standing", as used in subsection (1) of this section,~~  
9 ~~means a license that has not been revoked or suspended or against which~~  
10 ~~there are no current disciplinary or adverse actions.~~

11 **SECTION 41.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **amend** 12-295-108  
12 as follows:

13 **12-295-108. License by endorsement.** The board may issue a  
14 license without examination to an applicant who is licensed or otherwise  
15 registered as a psychiatric technician by another state or a territory of the  
16 United States if the requirements for license or registration in the other  
17 state or territory are substantially equal to the requirements in this article  
18 295; but in no event shall an applicant be required to meet qualifications  
19 higher than those in force in this state at the time of his or her application  
20 for license in this state. Every applicant under this section shall state  
21 under oath that he or she has not committed an act that would be grounds  
22 for disciplinary action under this article 295 and that the applicant has  
23 completed a four-year high school course of study or the equivalent  
24 thereof TO AN APPLICANT WHO SATISFIES THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE  
25 OCCUPATIONAL CREDENTIAL PORTABILITY PROGRAM.

26 **SECTION 42.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 12-300-107, **amend**  
27 (2)(a) as follows:

1           **12-300-107. License - effectiveness - fee.** (2) The director shall  
2 issue a license to practice respiratory therapy to an applicant who  
3 otherwise meets the qualifications set forth in this article 300 and who  
4 submits satisfactory proof and certifies under penalty of perjury that the  
5 applicant is either:

6           (a) ~~Currently in possession of an unrestricted license in good~~  
7 ~~standing to practice respiratory therapy under the laws of another state or~~  
8 ~~territory of the United States or foreign country, if the qualifications of~~  
9 ~~the applicant are deemed by the director to be substantially equivalent to~~  
10 ~~those required by this state, and whether the applicant has ever had a~~  
11 ~~disciplinary action taken in regard to the applicant's license to practice~~  
12 ~~respiratory therapy in another state~~ ELIGIBLE FOR LICENSURE BY  
13 ENDORSEMENT PURSUANT TO THE OCCUPATIONAL CREDENTIAL  
14 PORTABILITY PROGRAM;

15           **SECTION 43.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 12-305-107, **amend**  
16 (4) as follows:

17           **12-305-107. Certification - application - qualifications -**  
18 **provisional certification - renewal - fees - rules.** (4) **Certification by**  
19 **endorsement.** (a) An applicant ~~for~~ MAY OBTAIN certification by  
20 endorsement ~~shall file an application and pay a fee as determined by the~~  
21 ~~director and shall hold a current, valid license or certification in a~~  
22 ~~jurisdiction that requires qualifications substantially equivalent to those~~  
23 ~~required for certification by subsection (1) of this section~~ IF THE  
24 APPLICANT SATISFIES THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE OCCUPATIONAL  
25 CREDENTIAL PORTABILITY PROGRAM.

26           (b) ~~An applicant for certification by endorsement shall submit~~  
27 ~~with the application verification that the applicant has actively practiced~~

1 for a period of time determined by rules of the director or otherwise  
2 maintained competency as determined by the director. Additionally, If the  
3 applicant will provide speech-language pathology services to patients, the  
4 applicant shall submit to the director proof that the applicant has  
5 purchased and is maintaining or is covered by professional liability  
6 insurance in an amount determined by the director by rule.

7 (c) ~~Upon receipt of all documents required by subsections (4)(a)~~  
8 ~~and (4)(b) of this section, the director shall review the application and~~  
9 ~~make a determination of the applicant's qualification to be certified by~~  
10 ~~endorsement.~~

11 (d) ~~The director may deny the certification by endorsement if the~~  
12 ~~applicant has committed an act that would be grounds for disciplinary~~  
13 ~~action under section 12-305-112.~~

14 **SECTION 44.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **amend** 12-315-109  
15 as follows:

16 **12-315-109. License by endorsement.** The board may issue a  
17 license by endorsement to engage in the practice of veterinary medicine  
18 in this state to an applicant who ~~has a license in good standing as a~~  
19 ~~veterinarian in another jurisdiction if the applicant presents proof~~  
20 ~~satisfactory to the board that, at the time of application for a Colorado~~  
21 ~~license by endorsement, the applicant possesses credentials and~~  
22 ~~qualifications that are substantially equivalent to the Colorado~~  
23 ~~requirements for licensure set forth in section 12-315-107. The board may~~  
24 ~~specify, by rule, what constitutes substantially equivalent credentials and~~  
25 ~~qualifications~~ SATISFIES THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE OCCUPATIONAL  
26 CREDENTIAL PORTABILITY PROGRAM.

27 **SECTION 45. Act subject to petition - effective date -**

1     **applicability.** (1) This act takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following  
2     the expiration of the ninety-day period after final adjournment of the  
3     general assembly (August 5, 2020, if adjournment sine die is on May 6,  
4     2020); except that, if a referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1  
5     (3) of article V of the state constitution against this act or an item, section,  
6     or part of this act within such period, then the act, item, section, or part  
7     will not take effect unless approved by the people at the general election  
8     to be held in November 2020 and, in such case, will take effect on the  
9     date of the official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.

10           (2) This act applies to applications filed on or after the applicable  
11     effective date of this act.