

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to occupational licensing; creating
 3 ss. 455.216 and 456.0155, F.S.; defining the term
 4 "apprenticeship"; requiring the Department of Business
 5 and Professional Regulation and the Department of
 6 Health, respectively, to grant an application for
 7 licensure if the applicant has completed an
 8 apprenticeship and met other specified requirements;
 9 requiring the department to establish the grade
 10 necessary for an applicant who has completed an
 11 apprenticeship to receive a passing grade for an
 12 examination; prohibiting the department from requiring
 13 an applicant to take an examination under certain
 14 circumstances; providing an effective date.

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 16 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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 18 Section 1. Section 455.216, Florida Statutes, is created
 19 to read:

20 455.216 Special license provisions for apprentices.-

21 (1) As used in this section, the term "apprenticeship"
 22 means an apprenticeship program registered by the Department of
 23 Education under chapter 446 or by the United States Department
 24 of Labor.

25 (2) The department must approve an application for

26 | licensure if the applicant has:

27 | (a) Completed the 8th grade;

28 | (b) Completed an apprenticeship that relates to the
 29 | licensed profession; and

30 | (c) Passed any examination required for licensure.

31 | (3) (a) The department shall establish the grade necessary
 32 | for an applicant who has completed an apprenticeship to achieve
 33 | a passing grade for an examination. Such grade may not exceed
 34 | the passing grade required for applicants who have not completed
 35 | an apprenticeship.

36 | (b) If an examination is not generally a requirement for
 37 | licensure, the department may not require an applicant under
 38 | this section to take an examination.

39 | Section 2. Section 456.0155, Florida Statutes, is created
 40 | to read:

41 | 456.0155 Special license provisions for apprentices.—

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 43 | means an apprenticeship program registered by the Department of
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54 a passing grade for an examination. Such grade may not exceed
55 the grade required for applicants who have not completed an
56 apprenticeship.

57 (b) If an examination is not generally a requirement for
58 licensure, the department may not require an applicant under
59 this section to take an examination.

60 Section 3. This act shall take effect January 1, 2020.