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1 A bill to be entitled 2 An act relating to criminal history in professional 3 licensing applications; amending s. 455.213, F.S.; 4 revising the period of time when a conviction, or any 5 other adjudication, for a crime may not be grounds for 6 denial of licensure in specified professions; 7 providing an exception; removing a provision requiring 8 good moral character for licensure in such 9 professions; requiring the applicable board to approve certain educational program credits offered to inmates 10 11 in certain institutions or facilities for purposes of 12 satisfying training requirements for licensure in 13 specified professions; providing an effective date. 14 15 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida: 16 17 Paragraph (b) of subsection (3) of section 18 455.213, Florida Statutes, is amended, and paragraph (f) is 19 added to that subsection, to read: 20 455.213 General licensing provisions.-21 (3)(b) 1. A conviction, or any other adjudication, for a crime 22 23 more than 2 ± 9 years before the date the application is received 24 by the applicable board may not be grounds for denial of a

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license specified in paragraph (a), unless the applicant was an

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inmate in any correctional institution or correctional facility at any point during such 2-year period. For purposes of this paragraph, the term "conviction" means a determination of guilt that is the result of a plea or trial, regardless of whether adjudication is withheld. This paragraph does not limit the applicable board from considering an applicant's criminal history that includes a crime listed in s. 775.21(4)(a)1. or s. 776.08 at any time, but only if such criminal history has been found to relate to the practice of the applicable profession.

- 2. The applicable board may consider the criminal history of an applicant for licensure under subparagraph (a)3. if such criminal history has been found to relate to good moral character.
- (f) The applicable board shall approve educational program credits offered to inmates in any correctional institution or correctional facility as vocational training or through an industry certification program for purposes of satisfying applicable training requirements for licensure in a profession under paragraph (a).
 - Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2022.