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COMMITTEE/SUBCOMMITTEE ACTION

ADOPTED	<u> </u>	(Y/N)
ADOPTED AS AMENDED	<u> </u>	(Y/N)
ADOPTED W/O OBJECTION	<u> </u>	(Y/N)
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WITHDRAWN	<u> </u>	(Y/N)
OTHER	<u> </u>	

1 Committee/Subcommittee hearing bill: Regulatory Reform &
 2 Economic Development Subcommittee
 3 Representative Melo offered the following:

Amendment (with title amendment)

Remove everything after the enacting clause and insert:

Section 1. Section 455.2123, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

455.2123 Continuing education.—A board, or the department when there is no board, shall allow ~~may provide~~ by rule that distance learning may be used to satisfy continuing education requirements. A board, or the department when there is no board, shall approve distance learning courses as an alternative to classroom courses to satisfy continuing education requirements. A board, or the department when there is no board, provided for ~~in part VIII, part XV, or part XVI of chapter 468 or part I or~~

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17 ~~part II of chapter 475 and~~ may not require centralized
18 examinations for completion of continuing education requirements
19 for the professions licensed under part VIII, part XV, or part
20 XVI of chapter 468 or part I or part II of chapter 475.

21 Section 2. Section 455.2124, Florida Statutes, is amended
22 to read:

23 455.2124 Proration of or not requiring continuing
24 education.—

25 (1) A board, or the department when there is no board,
26 may:

27 (a)~~(1)~~ Prorate continuing education for new licensees by
28 requiring half of the required continuing education for any
29 applicant who becomes licensed with more than half the renewal
30 period remaining and no continuing education for any applicant
31 who becomes licensed with half or less than half of the renewal
32 period remaining; or

33 (b)~~(2)~~ Require no continuing education until the first
34 full renewal cycle of the licensee.

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36 These options shall also apply when continuing education is
37 first required or the number of hours required is increased by
38 law or the board, or the department when there is no board.

39 (2) (a) A board, or the department when there is no board,
40 shall exempt an individual from completing the continuing

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41 education required for renewal of a license for a renewal period
42 if:

43 1. The individual holds an active license issued by the
44 board or department to practice the profession;

45 2. The individual has continuously held the license for at
46 least 10 years; and

47 3. No disciplinary action is imposed on the individual's
48 license.

49 (b) This subsection does not apply to engineers regulated
50 pursuant to chapter 471, certified public accountants regulated
51 pursuant to chapter 473, to brokers, broker associates, and
52 sales associates regulated pursuant to part I of chapter 475, to
53 appraisers or interior designers regulated pursuant to chapter
54 481, or to contractors regulated pursuant to chapter 489.

55 (3) The department and each affected board shall adopt
56 rules pursuant to ss. 120.536(1) and 120.54 to implement this
57 section.

58 Section 3. (1) The Department of Business and Professional
59 Regulation is authorized, and all conditions are deemed to be
60 met, to adopt emergency rules pursuant to s. 120.54(4), Florida
61 Statutes, for the purpose of implementing the amendments made by
62 this act to s. 455.2124, Florida Statutes, including
63 establishing procedures to facilitate the exemption for eligible
64 individuals from completing continuing education.

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65 (2) Notwithstanding any other law, emergency rules adopted
66 pursuant to subsection (1) are effective for 6 months after
67 adoption and may be renewed during the pendency of procedures to
68 adopt permanent rules addressing the subject of the emergency
69 rules.

70 (3) This section expires January 1, 2026.

71 Section 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 2024.

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Remove lines 6-15 and insert:

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allow by rule that distance learning may be used to satisfy
77 continuing education requirements; revising the requirements
78 that such continuing education must satisfy; amending s.

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455.2124, F.S.; requiring the board, or the department when

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there is no board, to exempt certain individuals from completing

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their continuing education requirements; providing

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applicability; requiring the department and each affected board

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to adopt rules; authorizing the department to adopt emergency

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rules; providing requirements and an expiration date for the

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emergency rules; providing for the expiration of such rulemaking

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authority; providing an effective date.