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SB 1309: group home monitoring; complex needs
S:E: temporary licenses; health professionals; extension
Sponsor: Senator Barto, LD 15
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Summary of the Strike-Everything Amendment to SB 1309

Overview

An emergency measure stating that any temporary license issued by a health profession regulatory board to a health professional during the Governor's declaration of emergency related to Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) and that was active on March 1, 2022, does not expire until January 1, 2023.

<u>History</u>

The Governor may proclaim a state of emergency that takes effect immediately in an area affected or likely to be affected if the Governor finds that circumstances exist meeting the statutory definition of a state of emergency (A.R.S. § 26-303). On March 11, 2020, the Governor issued a declaration of emergency and has since issued additional executive orders relating to COVID-19.

An Arizona health profession regulatory board may issue a temporary license to allow an applicant to practice if the applicant: 1) holds an active and unrestricted health profession license in this state, territory or possession of the United States; 2) has never had a health profession license suspended or revoked; 3) is not subject of an unresolved complaint against their health profession license; and 4) has paid any applicable fees. A health regulatory board may suspend, deny or revoke a temporary license and deny the application for initial licensure if the applicant has misrepresented the notarized affidavit attesting that the applicant meets the requirements of their respective licensing board.

A health profession regulatory board must approve or deny an application within 30 days after an applicant submits a complete application. If the temporary license is granted, it expires 30 days after the date the license was granted or on approval or denial of their submitted license application (A.R.S. § 32-1234).

Provisions

- 1. Stipulates that any temporary license issued by a health profession regulatory board to a health professional during the Governor's declaration of emergency related to COVID-19 and that was active March 1, 2022, does not expire until January 1, 2023. (Sec. 1)
- 2. Clarifies terms. (Sec. 1)
- 3. Repeals on July 1, 2023. (Sec. 1)
- 4. Contains an emergency clause. (Sec. 2)

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