

SENATE BILL 2458

By Roberts

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 62, Chapter 76, Part 2, relative to apprenticeship programs.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 62, Chapter 76, Part 2, is amended by deleting the part and substituting instead the following:

62-76-201.

(a) As used in this part:

(1) "Apprenticeship" means a program that meets the federal guidelines set out in 29 CFR Part 29 and 29 U.S.C. § 50;

(2) "Licensing" means the procedure through which the privilege to engage in a specific profession regulated under this title is granted by a licensing authority;

(3) "Licensing authority" means any state agency with the authority to impose training, education, or licensure fees to practice in a profession; and

(4) "State agency" means a state board, agency, or commission attached to the division of regulatory boards, as listed in § 4-3-1304(a).

62-76-202.

(a) Beginning on January 1, 2019, a licensing authority shall grant a license to any applicant who has:

(1) Successfully completed the eighth grade;

(2) Completed an apprenticeship under the direct supervision and instruction of a person duly licensed to practice in the applicant's chosen profession; and

(3) Passed an examination, if required, to practice in the applicant's chosen profession.

(b)

(1) The division of regulatory boards shall establish a passing score for examinations in each profession, which shall not exceed the passing score required by the respective licensing authority of any other person applying to practice in that specific profession.

(2) If the relevant licensing authority does not require an examination of any other person applying to practice in that profession, no examination shall be required for applicants who complete an apprenticeship under this part.

(c) An apprenticeship shall be limited to six (6) months, and a person shall be able to apply for an apprentice status only once under this part.

(4) The division of regulatory boards is authorized to promulgate rules to effectuate the provisions of this part.

SECTION 2. For the purpose of promulgating rules, this act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it. For all other purposes, this act shall take effect January 1, 2019, the public welfare requiring it.