

**Sixty-eighth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota
In Regular Session Commencing Tuesday, January 3, 2023**

SENATE BILL NO. 2249
(Senators Hogue, Larsen, Vedaa)
(Representatives Nathe, Roers Jones, Vetter)

AN ACT to create and enact a new chapter to title 34 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the efficiency of administration of occupational boards; to provide for a report to the legislative management; and to provide an effective date.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

SECTION 1. A new chapter to title 34 of the North Dakota Century Code is created and enacted as follows:

Definitions.

1. "Board" means an occupational or professional board established under title 43.
2. "Commissioner" means the labor commissioner.

Duties of commissioner.

The commissioner shall gather information regarding the continuing education requirements and the practice of licensing out-of-state practitioners for each board, the education standards and practices board, and the state board of law examiners. The commissioner shall analyze the information to develop and update a strategy for more efficient continuing education requirements and more efficient practices for licensing out-of-state practitioners. As necessary, the commissioner may recommend introduction of legislation to implement this strategy.

SECTION 2. LABOR COMMISSIONER - OCCUPATIONS AND PROFESSIONS - REPORT TO LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT.

1. During the 2023-24 interim, the labor commissioner shall hold meetings with each occupational board under title 43, the education standards and practices board, and the state board of law examiners. The topics addressed at the meetings must include administration of the boards, continuing education, and the licensure of out-of-state applicants, with a goal of establishing a strategy to license out-of-state practitioners within three business days of application and to revise continuing education requirements to recognize the contributions of employers and the opportunities afforded by evolving technology.
2. During the 2023-24 interim, the labor commissioner shall provide the legislative management with periodic reports on the status of the commissioner's implementation of this section.
3. The labor commissioner may recommend introduction of legislation for the sixty-ninth legislative assembly which provides for streamlining of licensure of out-of-state practitioners, and revision of continuing education requirements.

SECTION 3. EFFECTIVE DATE. Section 1 of this Act becomes effective August 1, 2023.

Tammy J. Loe
President of the Senate

Dennis J. Johnson
Speaker of the House

Sharon M. Meyer
Secretary of the Senate

Bull F. Reich
Chief Clerk of the House

This certifies that the within bill originated in the Senate of the Sixty-eighth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota and is known on the records of that body as Senate Bill No. 2249.

Senate Vote: Yeas 47 Nays 0 Absent 0

House Vote: Yeas 59 Nays 33 Absent 2

Sharon M. Meyer
Secretary of the Senate

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Approved at 7:31 PM. on April 12, 2023.

Doug Burgum
Governor

Filed in this office this 13th day of April, 2023,

at 9:37 o'clock A. M.

Michael Howe
Secretary of State