

# SENATE BILL NO. 1157

## 103RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY SENATOR NURRENBERN.

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KRISTINA MARTIN, Secretary

### AN ACT

To amend chapter 324, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to the issuance of professional licenses to certain individuals.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Missouri, as follows:*

Section A. Chapter 324, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto  
2 one new section, to be known as section 324.1173, to read as  
3 follows:

324.1173. 1. Notwithstanding any other provision of  
2 law to the contrary, for purposes of obtaining a  
3 professional or occupational license, a person has  
4 demonstrated lawful presence and is eligible to obtain a  
5 professional or occupational license if the person submits:

6 (1) An unexpired employment authorization document  
7 issued by the United States Department of Homeland Security,  
8 Form I-766; and

9 (2) Documentation issued by the United States  
10 Department of Homeland Security, the United States  
11 Citizenship and Immigration Services, or any other federal  
12 agency, including a Form I-797 used by the United States  
13 Citizenship and Immigration Services, demonstrating that  
14 such person is described in Section 202(c)(2)(B)(i) through  
15 (ix) of the federal REAL ID Act of 2005, Pub. L. 109-13.

16 2. A professional or occupational license issued to a  
17 person eligible pursuant to subsection 1 of this section

18 shall be valid only for the period of time during which such  
19 person's employment authorization document is valid.

20 3. Nothing in this section shall affect the  
21 requirements to obtain a professional or occupational  
22 license that are unrelated to the lawful presence  
23 requirements demonstrated pursuant to this section.

24 4. Nothing in this section shall be construed to grant  
25 eligibility for any public benefits other than obtaining a  
26 professional or occupational license.

27 5. Any person who has complied with the requirements  
28 of this section shall have his or her employment  
29 authorization document verified through the Systematic Alien  
30 Verification for Entitlements Program operated by the United  
31 States Department of Homeland Security or an equivalent  
32 program designated by the United States Department of  
33 Homeland Security.

34 6. The general assembly enacts this section pursuant  
35 to the authority provided in 8 U.S.C. Section 1621(d), as  
36 such section existed on August 28, 2026.

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