

SENATE SUBSTITUTE  
FOR  
SENATE BILL NO. 895  
AN ACT

To amend chapter 324, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to professional licensing.

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*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 324.004, to read as  
3 follows:

324.004. 1. Any person who has at least three years  
2 of work experience in an occupation or profession in another  
3 state, the District of Columbia, or any combination of such  
4 jurisdictions, and whose work experience involved the  
5 practice of an occupation or profession for which a license  
6 is not required in the jurisdiction or jurisdictions in  
7 which the person worked but is required in this state, may  
8 submit an application for a one-time nonrenewable two-year  
9 temporary license in this state in the occupation or  
10 profession, along with proof of at least three years of work  
11 experience in the occupation or profession and a fee as set  
12 by regulation of the oversight body, to the relevant  
13 oversight body in this state. The oversight body shall make  
14 a determination of qualification within forty-five days of  
15 receiving a completed application.

16 2. The oversight body shall require an applicant under  
17 this section to take and pass the examination specific to  
18 the occupation or profession which is required for licensure  
19 by those individuals applying pursuant to the provisions of  
20 the oversight body's statutory and regulatory authority. An  
21 oversight body that administers an examination on the laws  
22 of this state as part of its licensing application

23 requirements may require an applicant under this section to  
24 take and pass an examination specific to the laws of this  
25 state.

26 3. The oversight body shall not issue a one-time  
27 nonrenewable temporary license to any applicant described in  
28 subsection 1 of this section who has had any license in the  
29 relevant occupation or profession revoked by an oversight  
30 body outside of this state, who is currently under  
31 investigation, who has a complaint pending, or who is  
32 currently under disciplinary action.

33 4. (1) Except as provided in subdivision (2) of this  
34 subsection, applicants for the one-time temporary  
35 nonrenewable license under this section shall be citizens of  
36 the United States or lawfully present noncitizens authorized  
37 to work in the United States under federal law and shall  
38 submit legal proof of citizenship or employment  
39 authorization that is acceptable for the employment  
40 eligibility verification under federal law as part of the  
41 application. If the holder of a one-time nonrenewable  
42 temporary license issued under this section loses lawful  
43 presence or federal work authorization, the one-time  
44 nonrenewable temporary license shall automatically be  
45 revoked.

46 (2) Applicants for the one-time nonrenewable  
47 temporary license under this section in an occupation  
48 regulated by the board of therapeutic massage shall be  
49 citizens of the United States and shall submit legal proof  
50 of citizenship as part of the application.

51 5. If an applicant is not currently residing in this  
52 state, the oversight body shall conditionally approve the  
53 application contingent upon receipt of proof of domicile in  
54 this state within ninety days of the applicant receiving the  
55 temporary license. If the applicant fails to provide proof

56 within ninety days of receiving the temporary license, the  
57 oversight body may terminate the temporary license and the  
58 applicant may reapply for a temporary license.

59 6. The provisions of this section shall not apply to  
60 the following:

61 (1) Any occupation whose oversight body has entered  
62 into a licensing compact with another state for the  
63 regulation of practice under the oversight body's  
64 jurisdiction. The provisions of this section shall not be  
65 construed to alter the authority granted by, or any  
66 requirements promulgated pursuant to, any  
67 interjurisdictional or interstate compacts adopted by this  
68 state or any reciprocity agreements with other states, and  
69 whenever possible the provisions of this section shall be  
70 interpreted so as to imply no conflict between it and any  
71 compact or any reciprocity agreement with other states;

72 (2) Any occupation set forth in subsection 6 of  
73 section 290.257 or any electrical contractor licensed under  
74 sections 324.900 to 324.945;

75 (3) Any occupation whose regulators or licensees are  
76 required to comply with specific federal statutory,  
77 regulatory, and administrative requirements in order to  
78 practice in this state; or

79 (4) Assistant physicians licensed under chapter 334.

80 7. The one-time nonrenewable temporary license shall  
81 expire after two years. Upon expiration, the individual  
82 shall be required to apply for a permanent license in  
83 accordance with the license requirements for the occupation  
84 for which he or she held the temporary license.

85 8. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the  
86 contrary, a license issued under this section shall be valid  
87 only in this state and shall not make a licensee eligible to  
88 be part of an interstate compact. An applicant who is

89 licensed in another state pursuant to an interstate compact  
90 shall not be eligible for licensure by an oversight body  
91 under the provisions of this section.

92 9. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the  
93 contrary, a license issued under this section shall be valid  
94 only in this state and shall not make a licensee eligible to  
95 obtain a license by reciprocity in another state.

96 10. As used in this section, the term "oversight body"  
97 means any board, department, agency, or office of a  
98 jurisdiction that issues occupational or professional  
99 licenses.

100 11. The division of professional registration may  
101 promulgate rules to implement the provisions of this  
102 section. Any rule or portion of a rule, as that term is  
103 defined in section 536.010, that is created under the  
104 authority delegated in this section shall become effective  
105 only if it complies with and is subject to all of the  
106 provisions of chapter 536 and, if applicable, section  
107 536.028. This section and chapter 536 are nonseverable and  
108 if any of the powers vested with the general assembly  
109 pursuant to chapter 536 to review, to delay the effective  
110 date, or to disapprove and annul a rule are subsequently  
111 held unconstitutional, then the grant of rulemaking  
112 authority and any rule proposed or adopted after August 28,  
113 2026, shall be invalid and void.