

Amendment to SB 334-FN

1 Amend the title of the bill by replacing it with the following:

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3 AN ACT relative to temporary licensure of allied health professionals from nearby states, and
4 reciprocal and temporary licensure for occupations and professions for persons from
5 other states.
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7 Amend the bill by replacing all after the enacting clause with the following:

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9 1 New Paragraph; Allied Health Professionals; Rulemaking; Board of Directors; Temporary
10 Licenses. Amend RSA 328-F:13 by inserting after paragraph IV the following new paragraph:

11 V. Procedures, forms, and fees for temporary licensure pursuant to RSA 328-F:18, VI.

12 2 New Paragraph; Allied Health Professionals; Temporary Licenses. Amend RSA 328-F:18 by
13 inserting after paragraph V the following new paragraph:

14 VI. Occupational therapists, occupational therapist assistants, recreational therapists,
15 speech pathologists, respiratory care practitioners, physical therapists, and physical therapist
16 assistants from the states of Connecticut, Rhode Island, Massachusetts, Maine, New York, and
17 Vermont, who are currently licensed, shall be eligible for temporary licensure for 120 days while the
18 person makes application for licensure to the respective governing board under this chapter. An
19 applicant for temporary licensure to practice, who is currently licensed or certified in Connecticut,
20 Rhode Island, Massachusetts, Maine, New York, or Vermont, shall:

21 (a) Hold an active unencumbered license; and

22 (b) Have committed no acts or omissions which are grounds for disciplinary action in
23 another jurisdiction, or, if such acts have been committed, would be grounds for disciplinary action.

24 3 New Section; Occupations and Professions; General Provisions; Reciprocal and Temporary
25 Licenses. Amend RSA 332-G by inserting after section 12 the following new section:

26 332-G:13 Reciprocal and Temporary Licenses.

27 I. Any board or commission regulating an occupation or profession which is a member of an
28 interstate licensure compact, or which has, in statute or by administrative rules, a procedure for
29 reciprocity or temporary licensure for individuals from other states, need not comply with this
30 section for any license or certificate issued by the board or commission.

31 II. Any board or commission may determine that another state's licensure is not comparable
32 to New Hampshire's in education, training, experience, or scope of practice, and if so shall publish
33 this determination on its website. An individual from such other state possessing such a license

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1 shall not be granted temporary or reciprocal licensure under this section.

2 III. A person applying for a temporary license shall present to the office of professional
3 licensure and certification:

4 (a) A current equivalent license from another jurisdiction in the United States.

5 (b) A statement of good standing from the licensing authority.

6 (c) Authorization for a criminal history records check, if required.

7 (d) A completed application.

8 (e) A certification that the person has committed no acts or omissions which are
9 grounds for disciplinary action in another jurisdiction, or, if such acts have been committed, would
10 be grounds for disciplinary action.

11 (f) Other information specifically required by the board.

12 (g) Payment of a fee, not to exceed \$100.

13 IV. After verifying the completeness of the application and information under paragraph
14 III, the office of professional licensure and certification shall issue a temporary license valid for 120
15 days. No more than one temporary license shall be issued to any individual.

16 V. The board or commission shall review the application and information, prior to the
17 expiration date of the temporary license. The board or commission shall issue a full-term New
18 Hampshire license upon payment by the temporary license holder of the applicable license fee,
19 unless the board or commission determines that the information shows that the individual does not
20 qualify for such license. If the disqualification is due to state requirements that are not comparable,
21 this determination shall be published as provided in paragraph II. Upon a determination of
22 disqualification, the board or commission shall identify the disqualification in writing, which shall
23 invalidate the temporary license.

24 4 Effective Date.

25 I. Section 3 of this act shall take effect January 1, 2019.

26 II. The remainder of this act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.

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AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill allows persons licensed for certain allied health professions in Connecticut, Rhode Island, Massachusetts, Maine, New York, or Vermont to be granted a temporary license to practice in this state while applying for regular licensure. The bill also requires boards and commissions of regulated occupations and professions to allow for reciprocal and temporary licensure for an applicant for full licensure for 120 days while awaiting a determination for such licensure.