

1                                   A bill to be entitled  
 2           An act relating to criminal history in professional  
 3           licensing applications; amending s. 455.213, F.S.;  
 4           revising the period of time when a conviction, or any  
 5           other adjudication, for a crime may not be grounds for  
 6           denial of licensure in specified professions; removing  
 7           a provision requiring good moral character for  
 8           licensure in such professions; requiring the  
 9           applicable board to approve certain education program  
 10          credits offered to inmates in certain institutions or  
 11          facilities to satisfy training requirements for  
 12          licensure in specified professions; providing an  
 13          effective date.

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 15   Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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 17           Section 1. Paragraph (b) of subsection (3) of section  
 18   455.213, Florida Statutes, is amended and paragraph (f) is added  
 19   to that subsection, to read:

20           455.213 General licensing provisions.—

21           (3)

22           (b)~~1~~. A conviction, or any other adjudication, for a crime  
 23   more than 2 ~~5~~ years before the date the application is received  
 24   by the applicable board may not be grounds for denial of a  
 25   license specified in paragraph (a). For purposes of this

26 | paragraph, the term "conviction" means a determination of guilt  
27 | that is the result of a plea or trial, regardless of whether  
28 | adjudication is withheld. This paragraph does not limit the  
29 | applicable board from considering an applicant's criminal  
30 | history that includes a crime listed in s. 775.21(4)(a)1. or s.  
31 | 776.08 at any time, but only if such criminal history has been  
32 | found to relate to the practice of the applicable profession.

33 | ~~2. The applicable board may consider the criminal history~~  
34 | ~~of an applicant for licensure under subparagraph (a)3. if such~~  
35 | ~~criminal history has been found to relate to good moral~~  
36 | ~~character.~~

37 | (f) The applicable board shall approve educational program  
38 | credits offered to inmates in any correctional institution or  
39 | correctional facility as vocational training or through an  
40 | industry certification program for the purposes of satisfying  
41 | applicable training requirements for licensure in a profession  
42 | under paragraph (a).

43 | Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2021.