

By Senator Perry

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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 applicable  
9       boards to approve certain educational program credits  
10      offered to inmates in certain institutions or  
11      facilities for purposes of satisfying training  
12      requirements for licensure in specified professions;  
13      providing an 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  
19       added 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

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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 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, 2022.