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The Committee on Regulated Industries (Calatayud) recommended the following:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

Delete everything after the enacting clause and insert:

Section 1. Paragraph (d) is added to subsection (1) of section 112.011, Florida Statutes, to read:

112.011 Disqualification from licensing and public employment based on criminal conviction.-

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(d) 1. Notwithstanding any other law, a person with a prior

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conviction for a crime may petition a state agency at any time, including while in confinement, while under supervision, or before obtaining any required personal qualifications for a license, permit, or certification, for a decision as to whether the person's prior conviction for a crime would disqualify him or her from obtaining the license, permit, or certification. In the petition, the person must include a record of his or her prior conviction for a crime or must authorize the state agency 19 to obtain such record.

- 2. If a state agency reviews the petition submitted pursuant to subparagraph 1. and determines that a person is not disqualified for a license, permit, or certification, such decision is binding on the state agency in any later ruling on the person's formal application unless the information contained in the petition is found to be inaccurate or incomplete, or the person is subsequently convicted of a crime.
- 3. If the state agency determines under subparagraph 1. that a person is disqualified for a license, permit, or certification, the agency must advise the person of any actions he or she may take to remedy the disqualification. The person may submit a revised petition reflecting completion of any remedial actions before a deadline set by the agency in its final decision on the petition.
- 4. A person may not otherwise submit a new petition to the state agency until 1 year after a final decision on the initial petition is rendered or the person obtains the required qualifications for a license, permit, or certification, whichever is earlier.

Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2024.



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And the title is amended as follows:

Delete everything before the enacting clause and insert:

A bill to be entitled

An act relating to employment of ex-offenders; amending s. 112.011, F.S.; authorizing a person to petition a state agency at any time for a decision as to whether his or her prior conviction disqualifies him or her from obtaining a license, permit, or certification; requiring the person to include a specified record or authorize the state agency to obtain such record; providing that a state agency's decision that the person is not disqualified for a specified license, permit, or certification is binding on the agency unless certain conditions exist; requiring the agency to advise the person, if disqualified, of any actions he or she may take to remedy the disqualification; authorizing the person to submit a revised petition reflecting completion of any remedial actions before a certain date; prohibiting a person from submitting a new petition to the state agency within a specified timeframe after a final decision is made; providing an effective date.