

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to reciprocity or endorsement of
 3 licensure; amending s. 455.213, F.S.; providing
 4 requirements for the applicable board, or the
 5 Department of Business and Professional Regulation if
 6 there is no board, relating to licensure by
 7 reciprocity and by endorsement; defining the term
 8 "basis license"; providing an effective date.

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

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12 Section 1. Subsection (15) of section 455.213, Florida
 13 Statutes, is renumbered as subsection (16), and a new subsection
 14 (15) is added to that section to read:

15 455.213 General licensing provisions.—

16 (15) (a) Before the board, or the department if there is no
 17 board, enters a final order to deny an application for licensure
 18 by reciprocity or by endorsement based on a finding that the
 19 requirements of the basis license in another jurisdiction are
 20 not substantially equivalent or otherwise insufficient for a
 21 license in this state, the board, or the department if there is
 22 no board, must submit the finding to the secretary for review.
 23 The secretary may agree with the finding and deny the
 24 application for licensure or disagree with the finding and issue
 25 the license. The final order must be entered according to the

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26 secretary's decision.

27 (b) If the secretary makes a finding that the requirements
28 of a basis license in another jurisdiction are substantially
29 equivalent to or otherwise sufficient for a license in this
30 state, the board, or the department if there is no board, must
31 make the same finding for similar applicants from the same
32 jurisdiction, unless the requirements of the basis license are
33 changed.

34 (c) As used in this subsection, the term "basis license"
35 means the license or the licensure requirements of another
36 jurisdiction which are used to meet the requirements for a
37 license in this state.

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