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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

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The Committee on Fiscal Policy (Collins) recommended the following:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

Delete lines 118 - 721

and insert:

board, shall issue a license to practice in this state to an applicant who meets all of the following criteria:

1. Submits a complete application.

2. Holds an active, unencumbered license issued by another state, the District of Columbia, or a territory of the United States in a profession with a similar scope of practice, as



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11 determined by the board or department, as applicable. The term
12 "scope of practice" means the full spectrum of functions,
13 procedures, actions, and services that a health care
14 practitioner is deemed competent and authorized to perform under
15 a license issued in this state.

16 3.a. Has obtained a passing score on a national licensure
17 examination or holds a national certification recognized by the
18 board, or the department if there is no board, as applicable to
19 the profession for which the applicant is seeking licensure in
20 this state; or

21 b. Meets the requirements of paragraph (b).

22 4. Has actively practiced the profession for which the
23 applicant is applying for at least 3 years during the 4-year
24 period immediately preceding the date of submission of the
25 application.

26 5. Attests that he or she is not, at the time of submission
27 of the application, the subject of a disciplinary proceeding in
28 a jurisdiction in which he or she holds a license or by the
29 United States Department of Defense for reasons related to the
30 practice of the profession for which he or she is applying.

31 6. Has not had disciplinary action taken against him or her
32 in the 5 years immediately preceding the date of submission of
33 the application.

34 7. Meets the financial responsibility requirements of s.
35 456.048 or the applicable practice act, if required for the
36 profession for which the applicant is seeking licensure.

37 8. Submits a set of fingerprints for a background screening
38 pursuant to s. 456.0135, if required for the profession for
39 which he or she is applying.



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41 The department shall verify information submitted by the
42 applicant under this subsection using the National Practitioner
43 Data Bank, as applicable.

44 (b) An applicant for a profession that does not require a
45 national examination or national certification is eligible for
46 licensure if an applicable board, or the department if there is
47 no board, determines that the jurisdiction in which the
48 applicant currently holds an active, unencumbered license meets
49 established minimum education requirements and, if applicable,
50 examination, work experience, and clinical supervision
51 requirements that are substantially similar to the requirements
52 for licensure in that profession in this state.

53 (c) A person is ineligible for a license under this section
54 if the he or she:

55 1. Has a complaint, an allegation, or an investigation
56 pending before a licensing entity in another state, the District
57 of Columbia, or a possession or territory of the United States;

58 2. Has been convicted of or pled nolo contendere to,
59 regardless of adjudication, any felony or misdemeanor related to
60 the practice of a health care profession;

61 3. Has had a health care provider license revoked or
62 suspended by another state, the District of Columbia, or a
63 territory of the United States, or has voluntarily surrendered
64 any such license in lieu of having disciplinary action taken
65 against the license; or

66 4. Has been reported to the National Practitioner Data
67 Bank, unless the applicant has successfully appealed to have his
68 or her name removed from the data bank.



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69 (d) The board, or the department if there is no board, may
70 revoke a license upon finding that the licensee provided false
71 or misleading material information or intentionally omitted
72 material information in an application for licensure.

73 (e) The board, or the department if there is no board,
74 shall issue a license to a qualified applicant within 7 days
75 after receipt of all documentation required for an application.

76 (3) STATE EXAMINATION.—The board, or the department if
77 there is no board, may require an applicant to successfully
78 complete a jurisprudential examination specific to state laws
79 and rules that regulate the applicable profession, if this
80 chapter or the applicable practice act requires such
81 examination.

82 (4) ANNUAL REPORT.—By December 31 of each year, the
83 department shall submit a report to the Governor, the President
84 of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives
85 which provides all of the following information for the previous
86 fiscal year, distinguished by profession:

87 (a) The number of applications for licensure received under
88 this section.

89 (b) The number of licenses issued under this section.

90 (c) The number of applications submitted under this section
91 which were denied and the reason for such denials.

92 (d) The number of complaints, investigations, or other
93 disciplinary actions taken against health care practitioners who
94 are licensed under this section.

95 (5) RULES.—Each applicable board, or the department if
96 there is no board, shall adopt rules to implement this section
97 within 6 months after this section's effective date, including



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98 rules relating to legislative intent under s. 456.025(1) and the
99 requirements of s. 456.025(3).

100 Section 3. Paragraph (c) of subsection (2) of section
101 457.105, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

102 457.105 Licensure qualifications and fees.—

103 (2) A person may become licensed to practice acupuncture if
104 the person applies to the department and:

105 (c) Has successfully completed a board-approved national
106 certification process, meets the requirements for licensure by
107 endorsement under s. 456.0145 ~~is actively licensed in a state~~

108 ~~that has examination requirements that are substantially~~
109 ~~equivalent to or more stringent than those of this state,~~ or
110 passes an examination administered by the department, which
111 examination tests the applicant's competency and knowledge of
112 the practice of acupuncture and oriental medicine. At the
113 request of any applicant, oriental nomenclature for the points
114 shall be used in the examination. The examination shall include
115 a practical examination of the knowledge and skills required to
116 practice modern and traditional acupuncture and oriental
117 medicine, covering diagnostic and treatment techniques and
118 procedures; and

119 Section 4. Section 458.313, Florida Statutes, is amended to
120 read:

121 (Substantial rewording of section. See
122 s. 458.313, F.S., for present text.)

123 458.313 Licensure by endorsement; requirements; fees.—The
124 department shall issue a license by endorsement to any applicant
125 who, upon applying to the department on forms furnished by the
126 department and remitting a fee set by the board in an amount not



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127 to exceed \$500, the board certifies has met the requirements for
128 licensure by endorsement under s. 456.0145.

129 Section 5. Section 464.009, Florida Statutes, is amended to
130 read:

131 (Substantial rewording of section. See
132 s. 464.009, F.S., for present text.)
133 464.009 Licensure by endorsement.-

134 (1) The department shall issue the appropriate license by
135 endorsement to practice professional or practical nursing to any
136 applicant who, upon applying to the department and remitting a
137 fee set by the board in an amount not to exceed \$100,
138 demonstrates to the board that he or she meets the requirements
139 for licensure by endorsement under s. 456.0145.

140 (2) A person holding an active multistate license in
141 another state pursuant to s. 464.0095 is exempt from the
142 requirements for licensure by endorsement in this section.

143 Section 6. Paragraph (c) of subsection (1) of section
144 464.203, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

145 464.203 Certified nursing assistants; certification
146 requirement.-

147 (1) The board shall issue a certificate to practice as a
148 certified nursing assistant to any person who demonstrates a
149 minimum competency to read and write and successfully passes the
150 required background screening pursuant to s. 400.215. If the
151 person has successfully passed the required background screening
152 pursuant to s. 400.215 or s. 408.809 within 90 days before
153 applying for a certificate to practice and the person's
154 background screening results are not retained in the
155 clearinghouse created under s. 435.12, the board shall waive the



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156 requirement that the applicant successfully pass an additional
157 background screening pursuant to s. 400.215. The person must
158 also meet one of the following requirements:

159 (c) Has been deemed by the board as eligible for licensure
160 by endorsement under s. 456.0145 ~~Is currently certified in~~
161 ~~another state or territory of the United States or in the~~
162 ~~District of Columbia; is listed on that jurisdiction's certified~~
163 ~~nursing assistant registry; and has not been found to have~~
164 ~~committed abuse, neglect, or exploitation in that jurisdiction.~~

165 Section 7. Section 465.0075, Florida Statutes, is amended
166 to read:

167 (Substantial rewording of section. See
168 s. 465.0075, F.S., for present text.)

169 465.0075 Licensure by endorsement; requirements; fee.—The
170 department shall issue a license by endorsement to any applicant
171 who, upon applying to the department and remitting a
172 nonrefundable fee set by the board in an amount not to exceed
173 \$100, the board certifies has met the requirements for licensure
174 by endorsement under s. 456.0145.

175 Section 8. Subsection (1) of section 467.0125, Florida
176 Statutes, is amended to read:

177 467.0125 Licensed midwives; qualifications; endorsement;
178 temporary certificates.—

179 (1) The department shall issue a license by endorsement to
180 practice midwifery to an applicant who, ~~upon applying to the~~
181 ~~department,~~ demonstrates to the department that she or he meets
182 all of the requirements for licensure by endorsement under s.
183 456.0145 following criteria:

184 ~~(a) Holds an active, unencumbered license to practice~~



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185 ~~midwifery in another state, jurisdiction, or territory, provided~~
186 ~~the licensing requirements of that state, jurisdiction, or~~
187 ~~territory at the time the license was issued were substantially~~
188 ~~equivalent to or exceeded those established under this chapter~~
189 ~~and the rules adopted hereunder.~~

190 ~~(b) Has successfully completed a prelicensure course~~
191 ~~conducted by an accredited and approved midwifery program.~~

192 ~~(e) submits an application for licensure on a form approved~~
193 ~~by the department, and pays the appropriate fee.~~

194 Section 9. Subsections (3) and (4) of section 468.1185,
195 Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

196 468.1185 Licensure.—

197 ~~(3) The board shall certify as qualified for a license by~~
198 ~~endorsement as a speech-language pathologist or audiologist an~~
199 ~~applicant who:~~

200 ~~(a) Holds a valid license or certificate in another state~~
201 ~~or territory of the United States to practice the profession for~~
202 ~~which the application for licensure is made, if the criteria for~~
203 ~~issuance of such license were substantially equivalent to or~~
204 ~~more stringent than the licensure criteria which existed in this~~
205 ~~state at the time the license was issued; or~~

206 ~~(b) Holds a valid certificate of clinical competence of the~~
207 ~~American Speech-Language and Hearing Association or board~~
208 ~~certification in audiology from the American Board of Audiology.~~

209 ~~(3)-(4) The board may refuse to certify any person applying~~
210 ~~for licensure under this section applicant who is under~~
211 ~~investigation in any jurisdiction for an act which would~~
212 ~~constitute a violation of this part or chapter 456 until the~~
213 ~~investigation is complete and disciplinary proceedings have been~~



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214 terminated.

215 Section 10. Subsections (1), (2), and (3) of section
216 468.1705, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

217 468.1705 Licensure by endorsement; temporary license.—

218 (1) The department shall issue a license by endorsement to
219 any applicant who, upon applying to the department and remitting
220 a fee set by the board not to exceed \$500, demonstrates to the
221 board that he or she meets the requirements for licensure by
222 endorsement under s. 456.0145;

223 ~~(a) Meets one of the following requirements:~~

224 ~~1. Holds a valid active license to practice nursing home~~
225 ~~administration in another state of the United States, provided~~
226 ~~that the current requirements for licensure in that state are~~
227 ~~substantially equivalent to, or more stringent than, current~~
228 ~~requirements in this state; or~~

229 ~~2. Meets the qualifications for licensure in s. 468.1695;~~
230 and

231 ~~(b)1. Has successfully completed a national examination~~
232 ~~which is substantially equivalent to, or more stringent than,~~
233 ~~the examination given by the department;~~

234 ~~2. Has passed an examination on the laws and rules of this~~
235 ~~state governing the administration of nursing homes; and~~

236 ~~3. Has worked as a fully licensed nursing home~~
237 ~~administrator for 2 years within the 5-year period immediately~~
238 ~~preceding the application by endorsement.~~

239 ~~(2) National examinations for licensure as a nursing home~~
240 ~~administrator shall be presumed to be substantially equivalent~~
241 ~~to, or more stringent than, the examination and requirements in~~
242 ~~this state, unless found otherwise by rule of the board.~~



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243 ~~(2)(3)~~ The department may ~~shall~~ not issue a ~~license by~~
244 ~~endorsement or~~ a temporary license to any applicant who is under
245 investigation in this or another state for any act which would
246 constitute a violation of this part until such time as the
247 investigation is complete and disciplinary proceedings have been
248 terminated.

249 Section 11. Subsection (3) of section 468.209, Florida
250 Statutes, is amended to read:

251 468.209 Requirements for licensure.—

252 (3) If the board determines that an applicant is qualified
253 to be licensed by endorsement under s. 456.0145 ~~s. 468.213~~, the
254 board may issue the applicant a temporary permit to practice
255 occupational therapy until the next board meeting at which
256 license applications are to be considered, but not for a longer
257 period of time. Only one temporary permit by endorsement shall
258 be issued to an applicant, and it shall not be renewable.

259 Section 12. Section 468.213, Florida Statutes, is amended
260 to read:

261 468.213 Licensure by endorsement; waiver of examination
262 requirement.—

263 (1) The board may ~~waive the examination and~~ grant a license
264 to any person who meets the requirements for licensure by
265 endorsement under s. 456.0145 ~~presents proof of current~~
266 ~~certification as an occupational therapist or occupational~~
267 ~~therapy assistant by a national certifying organization if the~~
268 ~~board determines the requirements for such certification to be~~
269 ~~equivalent to the requirements for licensure in this act.~~

270 (2) The board may waive the examination and grant a license
271 to any applicant who presents proof of current licensure as an



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272 occupational therapist or occupational therapy assistant in a
273 ~~another state, the District of Columbia, or any territory or~~
274 ~~jurisdiction of the United States or foreign national~~
275 jurisdiction which requires standards for licensure determined
276 by the board to be equivalent to the requirements for licensure
277 in this part ~~act~~.

278 Section 13. Section 468.513, Florida Statutes, is amended
279 to read:

280 468.513 Dietitian/nutritionist; licensure by endorsement.—

281 ~~(1) The department shall issue a license to practice~~
282 dietetics and nutrition by endorsement to any applicant who
283 meets the requirements for licensure by endorsement under s.
284 456.0145 ~~the board certifies as qualified~~, upon receipt of a
285 completed application and the fee specified in s. 468.508.

286 ~~(2) The board shall certify as qualified for licensure by~~
287 ~~endorsement under this section any applicant who:~~

288 ~~(a) Presents evidence satisfactory to the board that he or~~
289 ~~she is a registered dietitian; or~~

290 ~~(b) Holds a valid license to practice dietetics or~~
291 ~~nutrition issued by another state, district, or territory of the~~
292 ~~United States, if the criteria for issuance of such license are~~
293 ~~determined by the board to be substantially equivalent to or~~
294 ~~more stringent than those of this state.~~

295 ~~(3) The department shall not issue a license by endorsement~~
296 ~~under this section to any applicant who is under investigation~~
297 ~~in any jurisdiction for any act which would constitute a~~
298 ~~violation of this part or chapter 456 until such time as the~~
299 ~~investigation is complete and disciplinary proceedings have been~~
300 ~~terminated.~~



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301 Section 14. Section 478.47, Florida Statutes, is amended to
302 read:

303 478.47 Licensure by endorsement.—The department shall issue
304 a license by endorsement to any applicant who, upon submitting
305 ~~submits~~ an application and the required fees as set forth in s.
306 478.55, demonstrates to the board that he or she meets the
307 requirements for licensure by endorsement under s. 456.0145 and
308 ~~who holds an active license or other authority to practice~~
309 ~~electrology in a jurisdiction whose licensure requirements are~~
310 ~~determined by the board to be equivalent to the requirements for~~
311 ~~licensure in this state.~~

312 Section 15. Paragraph (c) of subsection (5) of section
313 480.041, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

314 480.041 Massage therapists; qualifications; licensure;
315 endorsement.—

316 (5) The board shall adopt rules:

317 (c) Specifying licensing procedures for practitioners
318 desiring to be licensed in this state who meet the requirements
319 for licensure by endorsement under s. 456.0145 or hold an active
320 ~~license and have practiced in any other state, territory, or~~
321 ~~jurisdiction of the United States or any foreign national~~
322 ~~jurisdiction which has licensing standards substantially similar~~
323 ~~to, equivalent to, or more stringent than the standards of this~~
324 ~~state.~~

325 Section 16. Present subsections (3) and (4) of section
326 484.007, Florida Statutes, are redesignated as subsections (4)
327 and (5), respectively, a new subsection (3) is added to that
328 section, and subsection (1) of that section is amended, to read:

329 484.007 Licensure of opticians; permitting of optical



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330 establishments.-

331 (1) Any person desiring to practice opticianry shall apply
332 to the department, upon forms prescribed by it, to take a
333 licensure examination. The department shall examine each
334 applicant who the board certifies meets all of the following
335 criteria:

336 (a) Has completed the application form and remitted a
337 nonrefundable application fee set by the board, in the amount of
338 \$100 or less, and an examination fee set by the board, in the
339 amount of \$325 plus the actual per applicant cost to the
340 department for purchase of portions of the examination from the
341 American Board of Opticianry or a similar national organization,
342 or less, and refundable if the board finds the applicant
343 ineligible to take the examination.†

344 (b) Is not younger less than 18 years of age.†

345 (c) Is a graduate of an accredited high school or possesses
346 a certificate of equivalency of a high school education.†~~and~~

347 (d)1. Has received an associate degree, or its equivalent,
348 in opticianry from an educational institution the curriculum of
349 which is accredited by an accrediting agency recognized and
350 approved by the United States Department of Education or the
351 Council on Postsecondary Education or approved by the board;

352 ~~2. Is an individual licensed to practice the profession of~~
353 ~~opticianry pursuant to a regulatory licensing law of another~~
354 ~~state, territory, or jurisdiction of the United States, who has~~
355 ~~actively practiced in such other state, territory, or~~
356 ~~jurisdiction for more than 3 years immediately preceding~~
357 ~~application, and who meets the examination qualifications as~~
358 ~~provided in this subsection;†~~



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359 ~~3. Is an individual who has actively practiced in another~~
360 ~~state, territory, or jurisdiction of the United States for more~~
361 ~~than 5 years immediately preceding application and who provides~~
362 ~~tax or business records, affidavits, or other satisfactory~~
363 ~~documentation of such practice and who meets the examination~~
364 ~~qualifications as provided in this subsection; or~~

365 2.4. Has registered as an apprentice with the department
366 and paid a registration fee not to exceed \$60, as set by rule of
367 the board. The apprentice shall complete 6,240 hours of training
368 under the supervision of an optician licensed in this state for
369 at least 1 year or of a physician or optometrist licensed under
370 the laws of this state. These requirements must be met within 5
371 years after the date of registration. However, any time spent in
372 a recognized school may be considered as part of the
373 apprenticeship program provided herein. The board may establish
374 administrative processing fees sufficient to cover the cost of
375 administering apprentice rules as promulgated by the board.

376 (3) The board shall certify to the department for licensure
377 by endorsement any applicant who meets the requirements for
378 licensure by endorsement under s. 456.0145.

379 Section 17. Section 486.081, Florida Statutes, is amended
380 to read:

381 486.081 Physical therapist; issuance of license by
382 endorsement; issuance of license without examination to person
383 passing examination of another authorized examining board in a
384 foreign country; fee.-

385 (1) The board may cause a license by endorsement to be
386 issued through the department ~~without examination~~ to any
387 applicant who meets the requirements for licensure by



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388 endorsement under s. 456.0145 or, without examination, to any
389 applicant who presents evidence satisfactory to the board of
390 having passed ~~the American Registry Examination prior to 1971 or~~
391 an examination in physical therapy before a similar lawfully
392 authorized examining board of ~~another state, the District of~~
393 ~~Columbia, a territory, or~~ a foreign country, if the standards
394 for licensure in physical therapy in such ~~other state, district,~~
395 ~~territory, or~~ foreign country are determined by the board to be
396 as high as those of this state, as established by rules adopted
397 pursuant to this chapter. Any person who holds a license
398 pursuant to this section may use the words "physical therapist"
399 or "physiotherapist" or the letters "P.T." in connection with
400 her or his name or place of business to denote her or his
401 licensure hereunder. A person who holds a license pursuant to
402 this section and obtains a doctoral degree in physical therapy
403 may use the letters "D.P.T." and "P.T." A physical therapist who
404 holds a degree of Doctor of Physical Therapy may not use the
405 title "doctor" without also clearly informing the public of his
406 or her profession as a physical therapist.

407 (2) At the time of making application for licensure under
408 ~~without examination pursuant to the terms of~~ this section, the
409 applicant shall pay to the department a nonrefundable fee set by
410 the board in an amount not to exceed \$175 ~~as fixed by the board,~~
411 ~~no part of which will be returned.~~

412 Section 18. Section 486.107, Florida Statutes, is amended
413 to read:

414 486.107 Physical therapist assistant; issuance of license
415 by endorsement ~~without examination to person licensed in another~~
416 ~~jurisdiction; fee.-~~



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417 (1) The board may cause a license by endorsement to be
418 issued through the department ~~without examination~~ to any
419 applicant who presents evidence to the board, under oath, of
420 meeting the requirements for licensure by endorsement under s.
421 456.0145 licensure in another state, the District of Columbia,
422 ~~or a territory, if the standards for registering as a physical~~
423 ~~therapist assistant or licensing of a physical therapist~~
424 ~~assistant, as the case may be, in such other state are~~
425 ~~determined by the board to be as high as those of this state, as~~
426 ~~established by rules adopted pursuant to this chapter. Any~~
427 person who holds a license pursuant to this section may use the
428 words "physical therapist assistant," or the letters "P.T.A.,"
429 in connection with her or his name to denote licensure
430 hereunder.

431 (2) At the time of making application for licensure by
432 endorsement under licensing without examination pursuant to the
433 ~~terms of~~ this section, the applicant shall pay to the department
434 a nonrefundable fee set by the board in an amount not to exceed
435 \$175 ~~as fixed by the board, no part of which will be returned.~~

436 Section 19. Subsections (1), (2), and (3) of section
437 490.006, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

438 490.006 Licensure by endorsement.—

439 (1) The department shall license a person as a psychologist
440 or school psychologist who, upon applying to the department and
441 remitting the appropriate fee, demonstrates to the department
442 or, in the case of psychologists, to the board that the
443 applicant meets the requirements for licensure by endorsement
444 under s. 456.0145+

445 ~~(a) Is a diplomate in good standing with the American Board~~



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446 ~~of Professional Psychology, Inc.; or~~

447 ~~(b) Possesses a doctoral degree in psychology and has at~~
448 ~~least 10 years of experience as a licensed psychologist in any~~
449 ~~jurisdiction or territory of the United States within the 25~~
450 ~~years preceding the date of application.~~

451 ~~(2) In addition to meeting the requirements for licensure~~
452 ~~set forth in subsection (1), an applicant must pass that portion~~
453 ~~of the psychology or school psychology licensure examinations~~
454 ~~pertaining to the laws and rules related to the practice of~~
455 ~~psychology or school psychology in this state before the~~
456 ~~department may issue a license to the applicant.~~

457 ~~(3) The department shall not issue a license by endorsement~~
458 ~~to any applicant who is under investigation in this or another~~
459 ~~jurisdiction for an act which would constitute a violation of~~
460 ~~this chapter until such time as the investigation is complete,~~
461 ~~at which time the provisions of s. 490.009 shall apply.~~

462 Section 20. Subsections (1) and (2) of section 491.006,
463 Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

464 491.006 Licensure or certification by endorsement.—

465 (1) The department shall license or grant a certificate to
466 a person in a profession regulated by this chapter who, upon
467 applying to the department and remitting the appropriate fee,
468 demonstrates to the board that he or she meets the requirements
469 for licensure by endorsement under s. 456.0145÷

470 ~~(a) Has demonstrated, in a manner designated by rule of the~~
471 ~~board, knowledge of the laws and rules governing the practice of~~
472 ~~clinical social work, marriage and family therapy, and mental~~
473 ~~health counseling.~~

474 ~~(b)1. Holds an active valid license to practice and has~~



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475 ~~actively practiced the licensed profession in another state for~~
476 ~~3 of the last 5 years immediately preceding licensure;~~

477 ~~2. Has passed a substantially equivalent licensing~~
478 ~~examination in another state or has passed the licensure~~
479 ~~examination in this state in the profession for which the~~
480 ~~applicant seeks licensure; and~~

481 ~~3. Holds a license in good standing, is not under~~
482 ~~investigation for an act that would constitute a violation of~~
483 ~~this chapter, and has not been found to have committed any act~~
484 ~~that would constitute a violation of this chapter.~~

485 ~~(2) The fees paid by any applicant for certification as a~~
486 ~~master social worker under this section are nonrefundable.~~

487 ~~(2) The department shall not issue a license or certificate~~
488 ~~by endorsement to any applicant who is under investigation in~~
489 ~~this or another jurisdiction for an act which would constitute a~~
490 ~~violation of this chapter until such time as the investigation~~
491 ~~is complete, at which time the provisions of s. 491.009 shall~~
492 ~~apply.~~

493 Section 21. Subsection (3) of section 486.031, Florida
494 Statutes, is amended to read:

495 486.031 Physical therapist; licensing requirements.—To be
496 eligible for licensing as a physical therapist, an applicant
497 must:

498 (3) (a) Have been graduated from a school of physical
499 therapy which has been approved for the educational preparation
500 of physical therapists by the appropriate accrediting agency
501 recognized by the Commission on Recognition of Postsecondary
502 Accreditation or the United States Department of Education at
503 the time of her or his graduation and have passed, to the



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504 satisfaction of the board, the American Registry Examination
505 prior to 1971 or a national examination approved by the board to
506 determine her or his fitness for practice as a physical
507 therapist as hereinafter provided;

508 (b) Have received a diploma from a program in physical
509 therapy in a foreign country and have educational credentials
510 deemed equivalent to those required for the educational
511 preparation of physical therapists in this country, as
512 recognized by the appropriate agency as identified by the board,
513 and have passed to the satisfaction of the board an examination
514 to determine her or his fitness for practice as a physical
515 therapist as hereinafter provided; or

516 (c) Be entitled to licensure by endorsement or without
517 examination as provided in s. 486.081.

518 Section 22. Subsection (3) of section 486.102, Florida
519 Statutes, is amended to read:

520 486.102 Physical therapist assistant; licensing
521 requirements.—To be eligible for licensing by the board as a
522 physical therapist assistant, an applicant must:

523 (3) (a) Have been graduated from a school giving a course of
524 not less than 2 years for physical therapist assistants, which
525 has been approved for the educational preparation of physical
526 therapist assistants by the appropriate accrediting agency
527 recognized by the Commission on Recognition of Postsecondary
528 Accreditation or the United States Department of Education, at
529 the time of her or his graduation and have passed to the
530 satisfaction of the board an examination to determine her or his
531 fitness for practice as a physical therapist assistant as
532 hereinafter provided;



533 (b) Have been graduated from a school giving a course for
534 physical therapist assistants in a foreign country and have
535 educational credentials deemed equivalent to those required for
536 the educational preparation of physical therapist assistants in
537 this country, as recognized by the appropriate agency as
538 identified by the board, and passed to the satisfaction of the
539 board an examination to determine her or his fitness for
540 practice as a physical therapist assistant as hereinafter
541 provided;

542 (c) Be entitled to licensure by endorsement ~~without~~
543 ~~examination~~ as provided in s. 486.107; or

544
545 ===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =====

546 And the title is amended as follows:

547 Delete lines 32 - 55

548 and insert:

549 department, as applicable, to issue licenses to
550 qualified applicants within a specified timeframe;
551 authorizing boards or the department, as applicable,
552 to require that applicants successfully complete a
553 jurisprudential examination under certain
554 circumstances; requiring the department to submit an
555 annual report to the Governor and the Legislature by a
556 specified date; providing requirements for the report;
557 requiring the boards and the department, as
558 applicable, to adopt certain rules within a specified
559 timeframe; amending ss. 457.105, 458.313, 464.009,
560 464.203, 465.0075, 467.0125, 468.1185, 468.1705,
561 468.209, 468.213, 468.513, 478.47, 480.041, 484.007,



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562 486.081, 486.107, 490.006, and 491.006, F.S.; revising
563 licensure by endorsement requirements for the practice
564 of acupuncture, medicine, professional or practical
565 nursing, certified nursing, pharmacy, midwifery,
566 speech-language pathology and audiology, nursing home
567 administration, occupational therapy, dietetics and
568 nutrition, electrology, massage therapy, opticianry,
569 physical therapy, physical therapist assistantship,
570 psychology and school psychology, and clinical social
571 work, marriage and family therapy, and mental health
572 counseling, respectively; amending ss. 486.031 and