



26 | classroom courses to satisfy continuing education requirements.  
 27 | A board, or the department when there is no board, ~~provided for~~  
 28 | ~~in part VIII, part XV, or part XVI of chapter 468 or part I or~~  
 29 | ~~part II of chapter 475~~ and may not require centralized  
 30 | examinations for completion of continuing education requirements  
 31 | for the professions licensed under part VIII, part XV, or part  
 32 | XVI of chapter 468 or part I or part II of chapter 475. This  
 33 | section does not apply to any medical board or department  
 34 | regulated by the Department of Health.

35 | Section 2. Section 455.2124, Florida Statutes, is amended  
 36 | to read:

37 | 455.2124 Proration of or not requiring continuing  
 38 | education.—

39 | (1) A board, or the department when there is no board,  
 40 | may:

41 | (a) ~~(1)~~ Prorate continuing education for new licensees by  
 42 | requiring half of the required continuing education for any  
 43 | applicant who becomes licensed with more than half the renewal  
 44 | period remaining and no continuing education for any applicant  
 45 | who becomes licensed with half or less than half of the renewal  
 46 | period remaining; or

47 | (b) ~~(2)~~ Require no continuing education until the first  
 48 | full renewal cycle of the licensee.

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 50 | These options shall also apply when continuing education is

51 first required or the number of hours required is increased by  
 52 law or the board, or the department when there is no board.

53 (2) (a) A board, or the department when there is no board,  
 54 shall exempt an individual from completing the continuing  
 55 education required for renewal of a license for a renewal period  
 56 if the individual:

57 1. Holds an active license issued by the board, or the  
 58 department when there is no board, to practice the profession;

59 2. Has continuously held the license for at least 10  
 60 years; and

61 3. Has had no disciplinary action imposed on the license.

62 (b) This subsection does not apply to any medical board or  
 63 department regulated by the Department of Health.

64 (3) The department and each affected board shall adopt  
 65 rules pursuant to ss. 120.536(1) and 120.54 to implement this  
 66 section.

67 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2024.