

## **State of Arkansas: Review of Occupational Licensing, Certification, & Registration Legislation for the 2019 Legislative Session**

With support from the United States Department of Labor, Arkansas was selected as a member of a 15-state consortium to improve understanding of occupational licensure issues and best practices. The aims were to become familiar with existing licensure frameworks, identify current policies that create unnecessary barriers to labor market entry, and to create an action plan that focuses on removing barriers to labor market entry, and improving portability and reciprocity for select occupations

As participants in the Consortium, Arkansas will learn, network, and discuss practices, costs, opportunities, and challenges related to occupational licensing by, among other things, connecting the state teams with evidence –based research, best practices in the field, possible alternatives to licensure, multi-state comparable data, state-specific data, and the ability to network with other states and national experts. States in the Consortium will receive technical assistance from partner institutions including the National Conference of State Legislators (NCSL), National Governors Association for Best Practices (NGA), and The Council of State Governments (CSG). Participating states are required to create a core team of officials to participate in the Consortium, as well as a broader group of stakeholders that will be involved for In-State Learning Consortium Meetings. Achieving improvements in occupational licensure requires a collaborative approach across the Arkansas state government, including the governor, state legislature, and diverse agencies and oversight bodies. To reflect this reality, two distinct groups (Red Tape Reduction Working Group & the Occupational Licensing Advisory Group) were assembled as key participants for considering occupational licensing policy considerations. The governor appointed the 17-member Red Tape Reduction Working Group (RTRWG) comprised of 2 chairs (1 state house representative and one state senate representative; 8 members of the state’s legislature (4 House of Representative members and 4 Senators); and 7 Governor appointed positions reflecting various agencies, regulatory boards, and citizen consumers. The Occupational Licensing Advisory Group (OLAG) was formed to work in parallel and in support of the RTRWG initiatives. OLAG is a 25-member team composed of occupational licensing agency representatives, public agencies, consumer/ public participants, legislative members, and consumer agencies. The Red Tape Reduction Working Group issued its recommendations and final report to the Governor in January, prior to the start of the legislative session, with the intent of enacting legislation to address occupational licensing as a result of participation in the learning consortium.

For the 2019 legislative session, there were eighty-three bills total introduced that pertained to occupational licensing, registration, and certification (see Appendix B). Of those 83, 41 were passed into law. Those forty-one acts (see Appendix A) can be categorized into specific areas of concern that were discussed as part of the Red Tape Reduction Working Group and the related, Occupational Licensing Advisory Group, including: (1) Removing Barriers to entry and having the least restrictive regulations in place; (2) Addressing impacted populations; e.g., military spouses/ veterans/ military members, those with criminal records, and immigrants; (3) Focusing on licensing board composition; (4) Engaging in reciprocity agreements & multi-state compacts; & (5) various administrative and organizational improvements.

- **Impacted populations:**
  - *Criminal Records:*
    - Act 314 (HB1422) TO REQUIRE A CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECK AS A REQUIREMENT FOR LICENSURE AS A PHYSICAL THERAPIST OR A PHYSICAL THERAPIST ASSISTANT
    - Act 318 (HB1277) TO AMEND LAWS REGARDING CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECKS; AND TO REQUIRE CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECKS ON CONTRACTORS IN DESIGNATED POSITIONS OR DESIGNATED FINANCIAL OR INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY POSITIONS
    - Act 536 (HB1544) TO AMEND LAWS GOVERNING BACKGROUND CHECKS FOR LICENSED AND CLASSIFIED SCHOOL PERSONNEL
    - Act 626 (SB301) TO AMEND LAWS CONCERNING CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECKS FOR NURSING LICENSURE
    - Act 990 (SB451) TO AMEND THE LAWS REGARDING CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECKS FOR PROFESSIONS AND OCCUPATIONS TO OBTAIN CONSISTENCY REGARDING CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECKS AND DISQUALIFYING OFFENSES FOR LICENSURE
  - *Military (including spouses, veterans, & family):*
    - Act 215 (HB1119) TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING THE APPOINTMENT AND COMMISSION OF A NOTARY PUBLIC; AND TO ALLOW A NONRESIDENT SPOUSE OF A UNITED STATES MILITARY SERVICE MEMBER TO BE A NOTARY PUBLIC.
    - Act 820 (SB564) TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING THE OCCUPATIONAL LICENSURE OF ACTIVE DUTY SERVICE MEMBERS, RETURNING MILITARY VETERANS, AND THEIR SPOUSES; TO PROVIDE AUTOMATIC LICENSURE; TO REQUIRE REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF RULES SUBMITTED.
  - *Immigrants/ DACA/ Non-residents/ Non-US Citizens:*
    - Act 607 (HB1658) TO REQUIRE CITIZENSHIP OR LEGAL RESIDENCY FOR LICENSURE AS AN OSTEOPATHIC PHYSICIAN IN THE STATE OF ARKANSAS; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY
    - Act 837 (HB1552) TO AMEND THE LAWS CONCERNING NURSING LICENSURE
  - *Other Impacted Populations:*
    - Act 250 (HB1296) TO CREATE THE KEEP ARKANSANS WORKING ACT OF 2019; AND TO ENSURE THAT DEFAULT OR DELINQUENT STUDENT LOANS OR SCHOLARSHIPS DO NOT RESULT IN SUSPENSION OR REVOCATION OF A LICENSE
- **Reciprocity, Endorsement, & Multi-state Compacts:**
  - Act 313 (HB1421) TO ESTABLISH THE INTERSTATE PHYSICAL THERAPY LICENSURE COMPACT IN ARKANSAS
  - Act 686 (SB190) TO AMEND THE LAWS REGARDING SOCIAL WORK LICENSING; TO CLARIFY THE LICENSING EXEMPTION FOR STUDENTS; AND TO CHANGE THE TERM "RECIPROCITY" TO "ENDORSEMENT".

- **Reducing Barriers to Practice:**
  - Act 139: (HB1264) TO AMEND THE EXEMPTION TO LICENSURE BY THE VETERINARY MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD FOR CHIROPRACTORS PERFORMING CHIROPRACTIC UPON ANIMALS.
  - Act 169 (HB1124) TO AMEND THE LAWS CONCERNING VETERINARY MEDICINE; AND TO ESTABLISH A VETERINARY TECHNOLOGIST CERTIFICATION AND A VETERINARY TECHNICIAN SPECIALIST CERTIFICATION.
  - Act 286 (SB188) CONCERNING EQUINE MASSAGE; AND TO EXEMPT EQUINE MASSAGE THERAPY FROM LICENSURE BY THE VETERINARY MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD.
  - Act 804 (SB339) TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING THE OCCUPATIONAL LICENSURE OF ACTIVE DUTY SERVICE MEMBERS, RETURNING MILITARY VETERANS, AND THEIR SPOUSES; TO PROVIDE AUTOMATIC LICENSURE; TO REQUIRE REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF RULES SUBMITTED.
  
- **Reducing Barriers to Entry:**
  - *Lower costs; Amend financial & Bond requirements:*
    - Act 111 (SB187) TO AMEND THE UNIFORM MONEY SERVICES ACT
    - Act 805 (SB342) TO AMEND THE LAWS CONCERNING THE CONTRACTORS LICENSING BOARD; AND TO AMEND THE LICENSING REQUIREMENTS OF CONTRACTORS.
  - *Education, experience, & examination requirements:*
    - Act 257 (HB1423) TO AMEND THE LAWS CONCERNING THE ARKANSAS STATE BOARD OF REGISTRATION FOR FORESTERS; AND TO AMEND THE QUALIFICATIONS TO BE REGISTERED AS A FORESTER.
    - Act 267 (SB274) TO ADD FELLOWSHIP AS A METHOD FOR A FOREIGN GRADUATE TO OBTAIN A LICENSE TO PRACTICE MEDICINE; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.
    - Act 370 (SB164) TO AMEND THE LICENSURE OF CERTAIN PROFESSIONS LICENSED BY THE ARKANSAS BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN COUNSELING
    - Act 513 (SB393) TO AMEND THE REQUIREMENTS FOR REGISTRATION UNDER THE APPRAISAL MANAGEMENT COMPANY REGISTRATION ACT.
    - Act 540 (HB1638) TO AMEND PROVISIONS REGARDING THE ASSESSMENTS A PERSON MUST PASS IN ORDER TO OBTAIN A TEACHING LICENSE
    - Act 603 (HB1600) TO CONSIDER AN INDIVIDUAL WHO EARNS A TEACHING LICENSE UPON THE SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF AN ALTERNATIVE EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROGRAM AN ELIGIBLE APPLICANT UNDER THE STATE TEACHER EDUCATION PROGRAM.
  - *Renewal, reinstatement, or application related:*
    - Act 110 (SB186) TO AMEND THE ARKANSAS SECURITIES ACT; AND TO AMEND THE DEFINITION OF "CLAIMANT AGENCY" AS USED IN

THE STATUTES CONCERNING COLLECTION OF DELINQUENT TAXES

- Act 264 (SB270) TO EXTEND THE REGISTRATION DEADLINE FOR A SURGICAL TECHNOLOGIST
- Act 312 (HB1394) TO AMEND THE LAWS CONCERNING MASSAGE THERAPY; AND TO REMOVE THE TUBERCULOSIS TESTS AS A REQUIREMENT FOR MASSAGE THERAPIST LICENSURE
- Act 452 (SB290) TO MODIFY THE INACTIVE STATUS AND LICENSE RENEWAL REQUIREMENTS OF AN ACCOUNTANT
- Act 628 (SB382) TO ALLOW FOR THE REINSTATEMENT OF A REVOKED TEACHING LICENSE UNDER CERTAIN CONDITIONS.
- Act 701 (SB456) TO AMEND THE EDUCATIONAL LICENSES ISSUED BY THE ARKANSAS STATE MEDICAL BOARD
- Act 887 (SB505) TO AMEND THE PROVISIONAL LICENSE REQUIREMENTS FOR PSYCHOLOGISTS AND PSYCHOLOGICAL EXAMINERS.

- **Reorganization and Administrative:**

- Act 176 (HB1324) TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING THE DEFINITION OF A "TOW BUSINESS"
- Act 319 (HB1302) TO CREATE THE RED TAPE REDUCTION COLLECTIVE RULEMAKING ACT OF 2019
- Act 369 (SB140) TO AMEND CERTAIN LAWS REGARDING APPRENTICESHIP AND TRAINING PROGRAMS, SCHOOL APPROVAL, AND MEMBERSHIP ON BOARDS WITH RESPECT TO THE DEPARTMENT OF CAREER EDUCATION
- Act 370 (SB140) TO AMEND THE LICENSURE OF CERTAIN PROFESSIONS LICENSED BY THE ARKANSAS BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN COUNSELING
- Act 426 (HB1301) TO CREATE THE RED TAPE REDUCTION EXPEDITED TEMPORARY AND PROVISIONAL LICENSURE ACT; TO AUTHORIZE OCCUPATIONAL LICENSING ENTITIES TO GRANT EXPEDITED TEMPORARY AND PROVISIONAL LICENSING FOR CERTAIN INDIVIDUALS
- Act 600 (HB1527) TO CREATE THE RED TAPE REDUCTION SUNRISE AND SUNSET ACT OF 2019; AND TO REQUIRE LEGISLATIVE REVIEW OF OCCUPATIONAL AUTHORIZATIONS AND OCCUPATIONAL ENTITIES
- Act 910 (HB1763) TO CREATE THE TRANSFORMATION AND EFFICIENCIES ACT OF 2019; TO ESTABLISH CABINET-LEVEL DEPARTMENTS; TO TRANSFER STATE ENTITIES; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY

- **Creation of new regulation (license, certification, or registration):**

- Certified Veterinarian Technologist
  - Act 169 (HB1124) TO AMEND THE LAWS CONCERNING VETERINARY MEDICINE; AND TO ESTABLISH A VETERINARY TECHNOLOGIST

CERTIFICATION AND A VETERINARY TECHNICIAN SPECIALIST CERTIFICATION.

- Transitional Loan Officer
  - Act 200 (SB188) TO MODIFY THE FAIR MORTGAGE LENDING ACT; AND TO AMEND CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF THE FAIR MORTGAGE LENDING ACT TO COMPLY WITH RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN FEDERAL LAW
- Licensed Genetic Counselor
  - Act 686 (SB190) TO CREATE THE ARKANSAS GENETIC COUNSELOR LICENSURE ACT.
- Registered Apprentice Appraiser
  - Act 514 (SB394) TO AMEND THE LAWS CONCERNING LICENSING AND CERTIFICATION OF APPRAISERS; AND TO CREATE A REGISTRATION CLASS FOR A REGISTERED APPRENTICE APPRAISE
- Registration – Registration for subcontractors (Contractors Licensing Board)
  - Act 805 (SB342) TO AMEND THE LAWS CONCERNING THE CONTRACTORS LICENSING BOARD; AND TO AMEND THE LICENSING REQUIREMENTS OF CONTRACTORS.
- **Board composition:**
  - Act 369 (SB140) TO AMEND CERTAIN LAWS REGARDING APPRENTICESHIP AND TRAINING PROGRAMS, SCHOOL APPROVAL, AND MEMBERSHIP ON BOARDS WITH RESPECT TO THE DEPARTMENT OF CAREER EDUCATION
  - Act 542 (HB1682) TO AMEND THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE STATE BOARD OF COLLECTION AGENCIES.
  - Act 1056 (HB1854) TO AMEND THE COMPOSITION OF THE STATE PLANT BOARD.

**Appendix A: 2019 Legislative Session: Acts related to Red Tape Reduction Working Group**

<b>Bill</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Act #</b>
<b>SB186</b>	TO AMEND THE ARKANSAS SECURITIES ACT; AND TO AMEND THE DEFINITION OF "CLAIMANT AGENCY" AS USED IN THE STATUTES CONCERNING COLLECTION OF DELINQUENT TAXES	110
<b>SB187</b>	TO AMEND THE UNIFORM MONEY SERVICES ACT	111
<b>HB1264</b>	TO AMEND THE EXEMPTION TO LICENSURE BY THE VETERINARY MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD FOR CHIROPRACTORS PERFORMING CHIROPRACTIC UPON ANIMALS.	139
<b>HB1124</b>	TO AMEND THE LAWS CONCERNING VETERINARY MEDICINE; AND TO ESTABLISH A VETERINARY TECHNOLOGIST CERTIFICATION AND A VETERINARY TECHNICIAN SPECIALIST CERTIFICATION	169
<b>HB1324</b>	TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING THE DEFINITION OF A "TOW BUSINESS"	176
<b>SB188</b>	TO MODIFY THE FAIR MORTGAGE LENDING ACT; AND TO AMEND CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF THE FAIR MORTGAGE LENDING ACT TO COMPLY WITH RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN FEDERAL LAW	200
<b>HB1119</b>	TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING THE APPOINTMENT AND COMMISSION OF A NOTARY PUBLIC; AND TO ALLOW A NONRESIDENT SPOUSE OF A UNITED STATES MILITARY SERVICE MEMBER TO BE A NOTARY PUBLIC.	215
<b>HB1296</b>	TO CREATE THE KEEP ARKANSANS WORKING ACT OF 2019; AND TO ENSURE THAT DEFAULT OR DELINQUENT STUDENT LOANS OR SCHOLARSHIPS DO NOT RESULT IN SUSPENSION OR REVOCATION OF A LICENSE	250
<b>HB1423</b>	TO AMEND THE LAWS CONCERNING THE ARKANSAS STATE BOARD OF REGISTRATION FOR FORESTERS; AND TO AMEND THE QUALIFICATIONS TO BE REGISTERED AS A FORESTER.	257
<b>SB270</b>	TO EXTEND THE REGISTRATION DEADLINE FOR A SURGICAL TECHNOLOGIST	264
<b>SB274</b>	TO ADD FELLOWSHIP AS A METHOD FOR A FOREIGN GRADUATE TO OBTAIN A LICENSE TO PRACTICE MEDICINE; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.	267
<b>HB1146</b>	CONCERNING EQUINE MASSAGE; AND TO EXEMPT EQUINE MASSAGE THERAPY FROM LICENSURE BY THE VETERINARY MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD.	286
<b>HB1394</b>	TO AMEND THE LAWS CONCERNING MASSAGE THERAPY; AND TO REMOVE THE TUBERCULOSIS TESTS AS A REQUIREMENT FOR MASSAGE THERAPIST LICENSURE	312
<b>HB1421</b>	TO ESTABLISH THE INTERSTATE PHYSICAL THERAPY LICENSURE COMPACT IN ARKANSAS	313

<b>HB1422</b>	TO REQUIRE A CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECK AS A REQUIREMENT FOR LICENSURE AS A PHYSICAL THERAPIST OR A PHYSICAL THERAPIST ASSISTANT	314
<b>HB1277</b>	TO AMEND LAWS REGARDING CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECKS; AND TO REQUIRE CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECKS ON CONTRACTORS IN DESIGNATED POSITIONS OR DESIGNATED FINANCIAL OR INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY POSITIONS	318
<b>HB1302</b>	TO CREATE THE RED TAPE REDUCTION COLLECTIVE RULEMAKING ACT OF 2019	319
<b>SB140</b>	TO AMEND CERTAIN LAWS REGARDING APPRENTICESHIP AND TRAINING PROGRAMS, SCHOOL APPROVAL, AND MEMBERSHIP ON BOARDS WITH RESPECT TO THE DEPARTMENT OF CAREER EDUCATION	369
<b>SB164</b>	TO AMEND THE LICENSURE OF CERTAIN PROFESSIONS LICENSED BY THE ARKANSAS BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN COUNSELING.	370
<b>HB1301</b>	TO CREATE THE RED TAPE REDUCTION EXPEDITED TEMPORARY AND PROVISIONAL LICENSURE ACT; TO AUTHORIZE OCCUPATIONAL LICENSING ENTITIES TO GRANT EXPEDITED TEMPORARY AND PROVISIONAL LICENSING FOR CERTAIN INDIVIDUALS	426
<b>SB290</b>	TO MODIFY THE INACTIVE STATUS AND LICENSE RENEWAL REQUIREMENTS OF AN ACCOUNTANT	452
<b>SB393</b>	TO AMEND THE REQUIREMENTS FOR REGISTRATION UNDER THE APPRAISAL MANAGEMENT COMPANY REGISTRATION ACT.	513
<b>SB394</b>	TO AMEND THE LAWS CONCERNING LICENSING AND CERTIFICATION OF APPRAISERS; AND TO CREATE A REGISTRATION CLASS FOR A REGISTERED APPRENTICE APPRAISE	514
<b>HB1544</b>	TO AMEND LAWS GOVERNING BACKGROUND CHECKS FOR LICENSED AND CLASSIFIED SCHOOL PERSONNEL	536
<b>HB1638</b>	TO AMEND PROVISIONS REGARDING THE ASSESSMENTS A PERSON MUST PASS IN ORDER TO OBTAIN A TEACHING LICENSE	540
<b>HB1682</b>	TO AMEND THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE STATE BOARD OF COLLECTION AGENCIES.	542
<b>HB1527</b>	TO CREATE THE RED TAPE REDUCTION SUNRISE AND SUNSET ACT OF 2019; AND TO REQUIRE LEGISLATIVE REVIEW OF OCCUPATIONAL AUTHORIZATIONS AND OCCUPATIONAL ENTITIES.	600
<b>HB1600</b>	TO CONSIDER AN INDIVIDUAL WHO EARNS A TEACHING LICENSE UPON THE SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF AN ALTERNATIVE EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROGRAM AN ELIGIBLE APPLICANT UNDER THE STATE TEACHER EDUCATION PROGRAM.	603
<b>HB1658</b>	TO REQUIRE CITIZENSHIP OR LEGAL RESIDENCY FOR LICENSURE AS AN OSTEOPATHIC PHYSICIAN IN THE STATE OF ARKANSAS; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY	607
<b>SB172</b>	TO AMEND THE LAWS REGARDING SOCIAL WORK LICENSING; TO CLARIFY THE LICENSING EXEMPTION FOR STUDENTS; AND TO CHANGE THE TERM "RECIPROCITY" TO "ENDORSEMENT".	623

<b>SB301</b>	TO AMEND LAWS CONCERNING CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECKS FOR NURSING LICENSURE	626
<b>SB382</b>	TO ALLOW FOR THE REINSTATEMENT OF A REVOKED TEACHING LICENSE UNDER CERTAIN CONDITIONS.	628
<b>SB190</b>	TO CREATE THE ARKANSAS GENETIC COUNSELOR LICENSURE ACT.	686
<b>SB456</b>	TO AMEND THE EDUCATIONAL LICENSES ISSUED BY THE ARKANSAS STATE MEDICAL BOARD	701
<b>SB339</b>	TO PROHIBIT THE REQUIREMENT OF, BARRING OF, AND DISCRIMINATION AGAINST A PHYSICIAN FOR HIS OR HER DECISION TO NOT PARTICIPATE IN MAINTENANCE OF CERTIFICATION	804
<b>SB342</b>	TO AMEND THE LAWS CONCERNING THE CONTRACTORS LICENSING BOARD; AND TO AMEND THE LICENSING REQUIREMENTS OF CONTRACTORS.	805
<b>SB564</b>	TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING THE OCCUPATIONAL LICENSURE OF ACTIVE DUTY SERVICE MEMBERS, RETURNING MILITARY VETERANS, AND THEIR SPOUSES; TO PROVIDE AUTOMATIC LICENSURE; TO REQUIRE REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF RULES SUBMITTED.	820
<b>HB1552</b>	TO AMEND THE LAWS CONCERNING NURSING LICENSURE	837
<b>SB505</b>	TO AMEND THE PROVISIONAL LICENSE REQUIREMENTS FOR PSYCHOLOGISTS AND PSYCHOLOGICAL EXAMINERS.	887
<b>HB1763</b>	TO CREATE THE TRANSFORMATION AND EFFICIENCIES ACT OF 2019; TO ESTABLISH CABINET-LEVEL DEPARTMENTS; TO TRANSFER STATE ENTITIES; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY	910
<b>SB451</b>	TO AMEND THE LAWS REGARDING CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECKS FOR PROFESSIONS AND OCCUPATIONS TO OBTAIN CONSISTENCY REGARDING CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECKS AND DISQUALIFYING OFFENSES FOR LICENSURE.	990
<b>HB1854</b>	TO AMEND THE COMPOSITION OF THE STATE PLANT BOARD.	1056

**Appendix B. 2019 Legislative Session: Bills introduced related to occupational licensing, certification, & registration**

<b>Bill</b>	<b>Title</b>
<b>HB1060</b>	TO ESTABLISH AND REQUIRE CONTINUING EDUCATION FOR HEATING, VENTILATION, AIR CONDITIONING, AND REFRIGERATION LICENSEES
<b>HB1102</b>	TO REMOVE THE UNDERSERVED STATUS OF A COUNTY AS A REQUIREMENT FOR LICENSURE AND CERTIFICATION OF CERTAIN PROVIDERS
<b>HB1119</b>	TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING THE APPOINTMENT AND COMMISSION OF A NOTARY PUBLIC; AND TO ALLOW A NONRESIDENT SPOUSE OF A UNITED STATES MILITARY SERVICE MEMBER TO BE A NOTARY PUBLIC.
<b>HB1124</b>	TO AMEND THE LAWS CONCERNING VETERINARY MEDICINE; AND TO ESTABLISH A VETERINARY TECHNOLOGIST CERTIFICATION AND A VETERINARY TECHNICIAN SPECIALIST CERTIFICATION
<b>HB1146</b>	CONCERNING EQUINE MASSAGE; AND TO EXEMPT EQUINE MASSAGE THERAPY FROM LICENSURE BY THE VETERINARY MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD.
<b>HB1220</b>	TO AMEND THE TELEMEDICINE ACT; TO ENSURE THAT TELEMEDICINE IS THE LEAST RESTRICTIVE METHOD TO DELIVER HEALTHCARE SERVICES REMOTELY; AND TO EXPAND THE DEFINITION OF "PROFESSIONAL RELATIONSHIP
<b>HB1252</b>	TO ESTABLISH THE ARKANSAS ANESTHESIOLOGIST ASSISTANT ACT; AND TO PROVIDE FOR LICENSURE OF ANESTHESIOLOGIST ASSISTANTS
<b>HB1255</b>	TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING LICENSING, REGISTRATION, AND CERTIFICATION FOR CERTAIN PROFESSIONS; AND TO ESTABLISH A SYSTEM OF ENDORSEMENT, RECOGNITION, AND RECIPROCITY FOR LICENSING
<b>HB1264</b>	TO AMEND THE EXEMPTION TO LICENSURE BY THE VETERINARY MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD FOR CHIROPRACTORS PERFORMING CHIROPRACTIC UPON ANIMALS.
<b>HB1271</b>	TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING THE APPROVAL OF A REAL ESTATE LICENSING COURSE BY THE ARKANSAS REAL ESTATE COMMISSION.
<b>HB1276</b>	TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING THE DUTIES OF THE ARKANSAS REAL ESTATE COMMISSION.
<b>HB1277</b>	TO AMEND LAWS REGARDING CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECKS; AND TO REQUIRE CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECKS ON CONTRACTORS IN DESIGNATED POSITIONS OR DESIGNATED FINANCIAL OR INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY POSITIONS
<b>HB1283</b>	TO AMEND THE DEFINITION OF "PRACTICE OF CERTIFIED REGISTERED NURSE ANESTHESIA"; TO CLARIFY THE SCOPE OF PRACTICE OF A CERTIFIED REGISTERED NURSE ANESTHETIST; AND TO REMOVE SUPERVISION REQUIREMENTS.
<b>HB1296</b>	TO CREATE THE KEEP ARKANSANS WORKING ACT OF 2019; AND TO ENSURE THAT DEFAULT OR DELINQUENT STUDENT LOANS OR

	SCHOLARSHIPS DO NOT RESULT IN SUSPENSION OR REVOCATION OF A LICENSE
<b>HB1301</b>	TO CREATE THE RED TAPE REDUCTION EXPEDITED TEMPORARY AND PROVISIONAL LICENSURE ACT; TO AUTHORIZE OCCUPATIONAL LICENSING ENTITIES TO GRANT EXPEDITED TEMPORARY AND PROVISIONAL LICENSING FOR CERTAIN INDIVIDUALS
<b>HB1302</b>	TO CREATE THE RED TAPE REDUCTION COLLECTIVE RULEMAKING ACT OF 2019
<b>HB1303</b>	CREATE THE RED TAPE REDUCTION OCCUPATIONAL LICENSING RELEVANCE CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECK ACT; AND TO CONSIDER OCCUPATIONAL RELEVANCE WITH REGARD TO CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECKS
<b>HB1323</b>	TO REQUIRE THE OFFICE OF LONG-TERM CARE NOT TO ADOPT RULES OR STANDARDS THAT ARE STRICTER THAN THE FEDERAL MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS FOR CERTIFIED NURSING AIDES OR ASSISTANTS AND CERTIFIED NURSING AIDE OR ASSISTANT INSTRUCTORS.
<b>HB1324</b>	TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING THE DEFINITION OF A "TOW BUSINESS"
<b>HB1394</b>	TO AMEND THE LAWS CONCERNING MASSAGE THERAPY; AND TO REMOVE THE TUBERCULOSIS TESTS AS A REQUIREMENT FOR MASSAGE THERAPIST LICENSURE
<b>HB1421</b>	TO ESTABLISH THE INTERSTATE PHYSICAL THERAPY LICENSURE COMPACT IN ARKANSAS
<b>HB1422</b>	TO REQUIRE A CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECK AS A REQUIREMENT FOR LICENSURE AS A PHYSICAL THERAPIST OR A PHYSICAL THERAPIST ASSISTANT
<b>HB1423</b>	TO AMEND THE LAWS CONCERNING THE ARKANSAS STATE BOARD OF REGISTRATION FOR FORESTERS; AND TO AMEND THE QUALIFICATIONS TO BE REGISTERED AS A FORESTER.
<b>HB1456</b>	TO REQUIRE THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION TO ISSUE TEACHING LICENSES TO INDIVIDUALS LICENSED IN CONTIGUOUS STATES; AND TO REQUIRE THAT THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION LOWER MINIMUM SCORES.
<b>HB1527</b>	TO CREATE THE RED TAPE REDUCTION SUNRISE AND SUNSET ACT OF 2019; AND TO REQUIRE LEGISLATIVE REVIEW OF OCCUPATIONAL AUTHORIZATIONS AND OCCUPATIONAL ENTITIES.
<b>HB1544</b>	TO AMEND LAWS GOVERNING BACKGROUND CHECKS FOR LICENSED AND CLASSIFIED SCHOOL PERSONNEL
<b>HB1547</b>	TO ENSURE THAT PERSONS LICENSED TO PROVIDE EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES OR ADVANCED LIFE SUPPORT RESCUE SERVICES MAINTAIN CONTINUAL NATIONAL EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES CERTIFICATION
<b>HB1552</b>	TO AMEND THE LAWS CONCERNING NURSING LICENSURE
<b>HB1568</b>	TO ESTABLISH THE ARKANSAS ADVISORY COUNCIL OF HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONS WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
<b>HB1600</b>	TO CONSIDER AN INDIVIDUAL WHO EARNS A TEACHING LICENSE UPON THE SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF AN ALTERNATIVE EDUCATOR

	PREPARATION PROGRAM AN ELIGIBLE APPLICANT UNDER THE STATE TEACHER EDUCATION PROGRAM.
<b>HB1638</b>	TO AMEND PROVISIONS REGARDING THE ASSESSMENTS A PERSON MUST PASS IN ORDER TO OBTAIN A TEACHING LICENSE
<b>HB1642</b>	TO AMEND THE LAWS REGARDING COSMETOLOGY AND OTHER RELATED OCCUPATIONS; AND TO REMOVE THE CERTIFICATION FOR NATURAL HAIR BRAIDING.
<b>HB1649</b>	TO PROVIDE FOR OPPORTUNITIES FOR PATIENT CHOICE AND PROMOTE QUALITY OF CARE AS A REQUIREMENT FOR LICENSURE AND CERTIFICATION OF CERTAIN PROVIDERS
<b>HB1658</b>	TO REQUIRE CITIZENSHIP OR LEGAL RESIDENCY FOR LICENSURE AS AN OSTEOPATHIC PHYSICIAN IN THE STATE OF ARKANSAS; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY
<b>HB1682</b>	TO AMEND THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE STATE BOARD OF COLLECTION AGENCIES.
<b>HB1703</b>	TO CREATE A TWO-YEAR LICENSE OPTION; AND TO REQUIRE FOUR HOURS OF CONTINUING EDUCATION PER YEAR OF THE TERM OF THE LICENSE, TO INCLUDE PERSONAL SAFETY, CURRENT MARKETING TRENDS, AND REAL ESTATE COMPLIANCE.
<b>HB1757</b>	TO AMEND THE LAWS CONCERNING TEACHING LICENSES.
<b>HB1763</b>	TO CREATE THE TRANSFORMATION AND EFFICIENCIES ACT OF 2019; TO ESTABLISH CABINET-LEVEL DEPARTMENTS; TO TRANSFER STATE ENTITIES; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY
<b>HB1812</b>	TO ERADICATE AND ALTER CERTAIN AGENCIES, DEPARTMENTS, BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, COMMITTEES, AND OTHER GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES; AND TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING THE AUTHORITY OF CERTAIN GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES.
<b>HB1813</b>	TO STREAMLINE THE LAW CONCERNING GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES; TO REFORM THE LAW CONCERNING CERTAIN AGENCIES, DEPARTMENTS, BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, AND COMMITTEES; AND TO TERMINATE CERTAIN GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES.
<b>HB1831</b>	TO AMEND THE COMPREHENSIVE CRIMINAL RECORD SEALING ACT OF 2013.
<b>HB1854</b>	TO AMEND THE COMPOSITION OF THE STATE PLANT BOARD.
<b>HB1882</b>	TO INCREASE ANNUAL FEES FOR ISSUANCE OF LICENSURE FOR CERTAIN HEALTHCARE FACILITIES LICENSED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH.
<b>HB1883</b>	TO IMPROVE THE EFFICIENCY OF TELEMEDICINE CREDENTIALING IN THE STATE OF ARKANSAS
<b>HB1907</b>	TO AMEND THE LAWS CONCERNING THE STATE ATHLETIC COMMISSION; AND TO EXEMPT PROFESSIONAL WRESTLING FROM REGULATION BY THE STATE ATHLETIC COMMISSION.
<b>HB1924</b>	CONCERNING ARKANSAS REAL ESTATE COMMISSION; TO REQUIRE A FEASIBILITY STUDY FOR A TWO-YEAR REAL ESTATE LICENSE; TO AMEND LICENSING REQUIREMENTS; AND TO REQUIRE SPECIFIC SUBJECTS OF CONTINUING EDUCATION

<b>HB1948</b>	TO AMEND THE LAW REGARDING SOLID WASTE LICENSING FOR IMPROVED OPERATIONAL EFFICIENCY, MODERNIZATION, AND FLEXIBILITY CONSISTENT WITH TRANSFORMATION GOALS; AND TO CREATE THE SOLID WASTE AND RECYCLING LICENSING ACT
<b>HR1060</b>	TO COMMEND THE ARKANSAS SUPREME COURT'S ADOPTION OF RULE XVII OF THE RULES GOVERNING ADMISSION TO THE BAR OF ARKANSAS (o creates a mechanism for the admission of military spouse attorneys to the practice of law while the attorney's spouse is stationed in the state)
<b>SB140</b>	TO AMEND CERTAIN LAWS REGARDING APPRENTICESHIP AND TRAINING PROGRAMS, SCHOOL APPROVAL, AND MEMBERSHIP ON BOARDS WITH RESPECT TO THE DEPARTMENT OF CAREER EDUCATION
<b>SB157</b>	TO REPEAL LICENSURE FOR ELECTROLOGISTS
<b>SB164</b>	TO AMEND THE LICENSURE OF CERTAIN PROFESSIONS LICENSED BY THE ARKANSAS BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN COUNSELING.
<b>SB165</b>	TO REPEAL LICENSURE FOR PSYCHIATRIC TECHNICIAN NURSES
<b>SB166</b>	TO REPEAL THE ARKANSAS NURSERY FRAUD ACT OF 1919; AND TO ELIMINATE THE LICENSE REQUIREMENT OF PERSONS OPERATING OR WORKING IN A NURSERY.
<b>SB171</b>	TO CREATE THE OCCUPATIONAL LICENSING SUNRISE AND SUNSET ACT OF 2019; AND TO ESTABLISH A REVIEW PROCESS FOR OCCUPATIONAL LICENSURE AND OCCUPATIONAL LICENSING ENTITIES.
<b>SB172</b>	TO AMEND THE LAWS REGARDING SOCIAL WORK LICENSING; TO CLARIFY THE LICENSING EXEMPTION FOR STUDENTS; AND TO CHANGE THE TERM "RECIPROCITY" TO "ENDORSEMENT".
<b>SB175</b>	TO REQUIRE DISCRETION IN REVIEWING CERTAIN FACTORS BEFORE DISQUALIFYING AN APPLICANT FOR OCCUPATIONAL LICENSURE; AND TO REQUIRE CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECKS FOR APPLICANTS TO OCCUPATIONAL PROGRAMS, TRAINING, AND SCHOOLS.
<b>SB178</b>	TO AMEND THE ARKANSAS ATHLETIC TRAINERS ACT.
<b>SB184</b>	TO AMEND THE DEFINITION OF CERTIFIED REGISTERED NURSE ANESTHETISTS BY REMOVING SUPERVISION REQUIREMENTS
<b>SB186</b>	TO AMEND THE ARKANSAS SECURITIES ACT; AND TO AMEND THE DEFINITION OF "CLAIMANT AGENCY" AS USED IN THE STATUTES CONCERNING COLLECTION OF DELINQUENT TAXES
<b>SB187</b>	TO AMEND THE UNIFORM MONEY SERVICES ACT
<b>SB188</b>	TO MODIFY THE FAIR MORTGAGE LENDING ACT; AND TO AMEND CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF THE FAIR MORTGAGE LENDING ACT TO COMPLY WITH RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN FEDERAL LAW
<b>SB190</b>	TO CREATE THE ARKANSAS GENETIC COUNSELOR LICENSURE ACT.
<b>SB264</b>	TO CREATE THE FRESH START ACT OF 2019; AND TO HELP INDIVIDUALS WITH CRIMINAL RECORDS REENTER AND MOVE TO THE WORKFORCE AND STAY OUT OF PRISON; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.
<b>SB267</b>	TO REPEAL THE REQUIREMENT THAT A PERSON WITH A LICENSE TO CARRY A CONCEALED HANDGUN WHO FAILS TO FILE A RENEWAL APPLICATION BEFORE THE EXPIRATION DATE PAYS A LATE FEE.

<b>SB270</b>	TO EXTEND THE REGISTRATION DEADLINE FOR A SURGICAL TECHNOLOGIST
<b>SB274</b>	TO ADD FELLOWSHIP AS A METHOD FOR A FOREIGN GRADUATE TO OBTAIN A LICENSE TO PRACTICE MEDICINE; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.
<b>SB290</b>	TO MODIFY THE INACTIVE STATUS AND LICENSE RENEWAL REQUIREMENTS OF AN ACCOUNTANT
<b>SB301</b>	TO AMEND LAWS CONCERNING CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECKS FOR NURSING LICENSURE
<b>SB312</b>	TO AMEND THE LAWS CONCERNING THE PROFESSIONAL BAIL BOND COMPANY AND PROFESSIONAL BAIL BONDSMAN LICENSING BOARD; AND TO REQUIRE LICENSE RENEWAL FEES TO BE USED TO PROVIDE CONTINUING EDUCATION.
<b>SB339</b>	TO PROHIBIT THE REQUIREMENT OF, BARRING OF, AND DISCRIMINATION AGAINST A PHYSICIAN FOR HIS OR HER DECISION TO NOT PARTICIPATE IN MAINTENANCE OF CERTIFICATION
<b>SB342</b>	TO AMEND THE LAWS CONCERNING THE CONTRACTORS LICENSING BOARD; AND TO AMEND THE LICENSING REQUIREMENTS OF CONTRACTORS.
<b>SB382</b>	TO ALLOW FOR THE REINSTATEMENT OF A REVOKED TEACHING LICENSE UNDER CERTAIN CONDITIONS.
<b>SB393</b>	TO AMEND THE REQUIREMENTS FOR REGISTRATION UNDER THE APPRAISAL MANAGEMENT COMPANY REGISTRATION ACT.
<b>SB394</b>	TO AMEND THE LAWS CONCERNING LICENSING AND CERTIFICATION OF APPRAISERS; AND TO CREATE A REGISTRATION CLASS FOR A REGISTERED APPRENTICE APPRAISE
<b>SB410</b>	TO REPEAL THE ARKANSAS BARBER LAW; TO ABOLISH THE STATE BOARD OF BARBER EXAMINERS; AND TO AMEND THE LAW GOVERNING THE PRACTICE OF COSMETOLOGY.
<b>SB451</b>	TO AMEND THE LAWS REGARDING CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECKS FOR PROFESSIONS AND OCCUPATIONS TO OBTAIN CONSISTENCY REGARDING CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECKS AND DISQUALIFYING OFFENSES FOR LICENSURE.
<b>SB456</b>	TO AMEND THE EDUCATIONAL LICENSES ISSUED BY THE ARKANSAS STATE MEDICAL BOARD
<b>SB505</b>	TO AMEND THE PROVISIONAL LICENSE REQUIREMENTS FOR PSYCHOLOGISTS AND PSYCHOLOGICAL EXAMINERS.
<b>SB556</b>	TO AMEND THE LAWS REGARDING SEWAGE DISPOSAL SYSTEM REVIEWS; AND TO CREATE A LICENSURE FOR AN ONSITE SEWER PROFESSIONAL.
<b>SB564</b>	TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING THE OCCUPATIONAL LICENSURE OF ACTIVE DUTY SERVICE MEMBERS, RETURNING MILITARY VETERANS, AND THEIR SPOUSES; TO PROVIDE AUTOMATIC LICENSURE; TO REQUIRE REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF RULES SUBMITTED.
<b>SB567</b>	TO COMBINE THE COSMETOLOGY TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND THE STATE BOARD OF BARBER EXAMINERS.

<b>SB648</b>	TO AMEND THE REGULATION OF BODY PIERCING, BRANDING, AND TATTOOING BY GRANTING ALL AUTHORITY OF EDUCATION STANDARDS FOR LICENSING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH.
<b>SB680</b>	TO AMEND THE TELEMEDICINE ACT; TO ENSURE THAT TELEMEDICINE IS THE LEAST RESTRICTIVE METHOD TO DELIVER HEALTHCARE SERVICES REMOTELY; AND TO EXPAND THE DEFINITION OF "PROFESSIONAL RELATIONSHIP"