



**EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER JML 25-008**

REVIEW OF OCCUPATIONAL LICENSING BOARDS

WHEREAS, the Legislature has created numerous boards and commissions responsible for safeguarding life, health, and property, as well as protecting the public welfare through the oversight of licensure for various professions;

WHEREAS, the Legislature has recognized in R.S. 49:901 that the agencies, boards, and commissions that exercise the police power of the state in their regulatory, licensing and fee-collecting activities should be regularly reviewed;

WHEREAS, this administration is committed to removing unnecessary barriers to employment, fostering economic competitiveness, and eliminating burdensome and ineffective requirements for licensure;

WHEREAS, Louisiana licenses over 70 identified occupations and in 2022 the Institute for Justice ranked Louisiana as the 6th worst state for licensure burdens;

WHEREAS, occupational licensing reform is a bipartisan issue;

WHEREAS, Act 253 of the 2024 Regular Legislative Session, known as the “Welcome Home Act,” passed with bipartisan support and aims to reduce barriers to employment while encouraging skilled professionals to return to Louisiana to build their careers and lives;

WHEREAS, R.S. 37:3612 mandates that professional and occupational licensing boards annually publish on their websites data related to license issuance, renewals, and denials, categorized by parish;

WHEREAS, R.S. 37:3612 (C) requires every professional and occupational licensing board in this state to submit a typed summary identifying the requirements for obtaining a license;

WHEREAS, R.S. 49:901 further provides that it is the policy of the State of Louisiana that the Governor be authorized to require the various agencies, boards, and commissions engaged in

regulatory and licensing activities to submit information and reports in such manner as he may direct with respect to the activities and financial condition of said agencies;

WHEREAS, R.S. 49:903 further authorizes the Governor to request and receive, in such a matter and at such time as he may direct, information relating to the activities of any agency including any and all written information and reports that may be of legitimate interest to the executive branch of the state government in determining whether the authority vested in such agencies by law is being exercised with proper judgment, discretion and restraint;

NOW THEREFORE, I, JEFF LANDRY, Governor of the State of Louisiana, by virtue of the authority vested by the Constitution and the laws of the State of Louisiana, do hereby order and direct as follows:

Section 1: Definitions

- A. "Occupational Licensing Board" or "Board" means any state executive branch board, commission, department, or other agency that regulates the entry of persons into a particular profession or occupation or that is authorized to issue or revoke occupational licenses or certifications.
- B. "Occupational License" means a nontransferable authorization issued by a state to an individual to practice or engage in a regulated profession or occupation.
- C. "Calendar Year" means January 1, 2024, through December 31, 2024.
- D. "Disciplinary Action" means any order, judgment, or consent agreement that:
 - a. Results in the suspension or revocation of an occupational license.
 - b. Requires the licensee to take additional training or education to maintain licensure; or
 - c. Imposes a fine or other penalty.
- E. "Retention Schedule" means the disposition instructions required by R.S. 44:411 (3) prescribing how long, in what location, under what conditions, and in what form record series shall be kept.

Section 2: Welcome Home Act Reporting

Each Occupational Licensing Board shall submit a report to the Office of the Governor by February 28, 2025, detailing:

- A. The number of applications the Occupational Licensing Board has received since August 1, 2024, that seek to be licensed under the provision of the Welcome Home Act.

- B. The number of occupational licenses granted and denied pursuant to the provisions of the Welcome Home Act.
- C. Any policies or rules adopted by the Board to implement the Welcome Home Act.
- D. All efforts the Board has made to inform the public about the Welcome Home Act

Section 3: The following Boards shall submit an additional report as outlined in

Section 4:

1. Board of Barber Examiners
2. Louisiana State Board of Cosmetology
3. Louisiana Professional Engineering and Land Surveying Board
4. Louisiana State Board of Embalmers and Funeral Directors
5. Louisiana State Board of Examiners for Sanitarians
6. Louisiana Board for Hearing Aid Dealers
7. Board of Examiners of Certified Shorthand Reporters
8. Louisiana State Board of Social Work Examiners
9. State Board of Electrolysis Examiners
10. State Board of Examiners of Interior Designers
11. State Board of Radiologic Technologists
12. The Horticulture Commission of Louisiana

Section 4: No later than March 31, 2025, the Boards listed in Section 3 shall provide the Office of the Governor with a report that includes the following:

- A. A list of all licenses, registrations, or certificates issued by the Board, including:
 - a. Prerequisites for issuance, with recommendations for requirements that can be reduced or eliminated.
 - b. How often each license, registration, or certificate issued by the Board must be renewed.
 - c. The continuing education requirements per renewal period.
- B. Licensure Information
 1. Total applications received, approved, and denied during the calendar year.
 2. Average processing times for complete applications during the calendar year.
 3. A summary of disciplinary actions taken during the calendar year.
 4. Copies of all cease-and-desist letters issued by the Board during the calendar year.

C. Operational Information

- a. A list of all fees and charges imposed, along with the statutory authority for each.
- b. Copies of meeting agendas and minutes from all Board meetings held during the calendar year.
- c. The number of full-time and part-time employees employed by the Board.
- d. A copy of the Board's record retention schedule.
- e. A list of all pending lawsuits where the Board, or its members in their official capacity, are named as a Plaintiff or Defendant.

Section 5: All departments, commissions, boards, offices, entities, agencies, and officers of the State of Louisiana, or any political subdivision thereof, are authorized and directed to cooperate with implementing the provisions of this Order.

Section 6: This Order is effective upon signature and shall remain in effect until April 30, 2025, unless amended, modified, terminated, or rescinded by the Governor, or terminated by operation of law.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand officially and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of Louisiana in the City of Baton Rouge, on this 14th day of January 2025.

Jeff Landry
GOVERNOR OF LOUISIANA

ATTEST BY THE SECRETARY
OF STATE

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SECRETARY OF STATE