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To: Workforce Development

HOUSE BILL NO. 447

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTIONS 73-2-11, 73-4-23, 73-5-21, 73-6-13,
2 73-9-24, 73-10-15, 73-14-25, 73-23-51, 73-24-21, 73-25-21,
3 73-27-5, 73-29-19, 73-31-15, 73-35-7, 73-35-13, 73-38-23,
4 73-54-23, 73-65-7, 73-67-25, 73-71-21, 73-75-15, 73-1-21, 73-7-23,
5 73-11-51, 73-13-35, 73-15-19, 73-15-21, 73-17-11, 73-19-25,
6 73-21-87, 73-23-53, 73-30-15, 73-31-14, 73-33-9, 73-34-51,
7 73-36-31, 73-39-71, 73-53-13, 73-60-25, 73-63-39, 73-69-11 AND
8 73-73-11, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO CLARIFY THAT A PERSON WITH
9 AN OCCUPATIONAL LICENSE FROM ANOTHER STATE WHO APPLIES FOR A
10 LICENSE IN HIS OR HER PRACTICE AREA IN MISSISSIPPI SHALL NOT BE
11 REQUIRED TO TAKE AN EXAMINATION IN ORDER TO RECEIVE A LICENSE TO
12 PRACTICE IN MISSISSIPPI; TO PROVIDE THAT OCCUPATIONAL LICENSING
13 BOARDS SHALL ISSUE A LICENSE TO AN OUT-OF-STATE LICENSE HOLDER WHO
14 APPLIES FOR LICENSE IN HIS OR HER AREA OF PRACTICE IN THIS STATE;
15 TO BRING FORWARD SECTIONS 73-33-2 AND 73-33-17, MISSISSIPPI CODE
16 OF 1972, FOR THE PURPOSE OF POSSIBLE AMENDMENT; AND FOR RELATED
17 PURPOSES.

18 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI:

19 **SECTION 1.** Section 73-2-11, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
20 amended as follows:

21 73-2-11. The board may exempt from examination any applicant
22 who holds a license or certificate to practice landscape
23 architecture issued to him upon examination by a legally
24 constituted board of examiners of any other state or Washington,



25 D.C., or any other territory or possession under the control of
26 the United States * * *.

27 Each nonresident applicant shall submit, as part of the
28 application, a sworn affidavit stating that neither such applicant
29 nor any person in or agent of the applicant's firm has practiced
30 or is practicing landscape architectural work in this state prior
31 to the applicant having been licensed by the board unless such
32 person or agent holds a license to practice landscape architecture
33 in this state. Failure to submit this affidavit or submitting an
34 affidavit which is false in any respect shall constitute just
35 cause for denial of the application.

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37 The issuance of a license by reciprocity to a
38 military-trained applicant, military spouse or person who
39 establishes residence in this state shall be subject to the
40 provisions of Section 73-50-1 or 73-50-2, as applicable.

41 **SECTION 2.** Section 73-4-23, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
42 amended as follows:

43 73-4-23. Any auctioneer who is licensed in * * * another
44 state * * * and establishes residency as provided in Section
45 73-50-2 may apply for and be granted a license without
46 examination. Applicants for a license through reciprocity shall
47 furnish the commission by application the same information as that
48 required of resident applicants. In addition to the biennial
49 license fee, nonresidents shall pay to the commission a fee of Two



50 Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$250.00). A nonresident auctioneer shall
51 furnish to the commission a surety bond, obligated to the State of
52 Mississippi, in the amount of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00)
53 prior to being issued a license. The bond shall be executed by
54 the person seeking the license as principal and by a corporate
55 surety, licensed to do business in this state, as surety. The
56 bond shall otherwise be in accordance with the provisions of this
57 chapter.

58 The issuance of a license by reciprocity to a
59 military-trained applicant, military spouse or person who
60 establishes residence in this state shall be subject to the
61 provisions of Section 73-50-1 or 73-50-2, as applicable.

62 **SECTION 3.** Section 73-5-21, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
63 amended as follows:

64 73-5-21. Any person possessed of the following
65 qualifications shall, upon payment of the required fee, receive a
66 certificate of registration as a registered barber:

67 (a) Is at least eighteen (18) years old;

68 (b) Is of good moral character and temperate habits;

69 and

70 (c) Either has a license or certificate of registration
71 as a practicing barber in another state or country * * * and can
72 prove by sworn affidavits that he has lawfully practiced as a
73 barber in another state or country for at least five (5) years
74 immediately before making application in this state, or can show



75 to the satisfaction of the board that he had held a rating in a
76 branch of the military service for two (2) or more years that
77 required him to perform the duties of a barber. The issuance of a
78 certificate of registration by reciprocity to a military-trained
79 applicant, military spouse or person who establishes residence in
80 this state shall be subject to the provisions of Section 73-50-1
81 or 73-50-2, as applicable.

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83 **SECTION 4.** Section 73-6-13, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
84 amended as follows:

85 73-6-13. (1) Any adult of good moral character who has (a)
86 graduated from a school or college of chiropractic recognized by
87 the State Board of Chiropractic Examiners, preceded by the
88 successful completion of at least two (2) academic years at an
89 accredited institution of higher learning, or accredited junior
90 college, and (b) successfully completed parts 1, 2, 3 and 4 and
91 the physical modality section of the examination prepared by the
92 National Board of Chiropractic Examiners, shall be entitled to
93 take the examination for a license to practice chiropractic in
94 Mississippi. The State Board of Chiropractic Examiners shall keep
95 on file a list of schools or colleges of chiropractic which are so
96 recognized. No chiropractic school shall be approved unless it is
97 recognized and approved by the Council on Chiropractic Education,
98 its successor or an equivalent accrediting agency, offers an
99 accredited course of study of not less than four (4) academic



100 years of at least nine (9) months in length, and requires its
101 graduates to receive not less than forty (40) clock hours of
102 instruction in the operation of x-ray machinery and not less than
103 forty (40) clock hours of instruction in x-ray interpretation and
104 diagnosis.

105 (2) Except as otherwise provided in this section, the State
106 Board of Health shall prescribe rules and regulations for the
107 operation and use of x-ray machines.

108 (3) The examination to practice chiropractic used by the
109 board shall consist of testing on the statutes and the rules and
110 regulations regarding the practice of chiropractic in the State of
111 Mississippi.

112 (4) Reciprocity privileges for a chiropractor from another
113 state shall be granted * * * to an adult of good moral character
114 who (a) is currently an active competent practitioner for at least
115 eight (8) years and holds an active chiropractic license in
116 another state with no disciplinary proceeding or unresolved
117 complaint pending anywhere at the time a license is to be issued
118 by this state, (b) demonstrates having obtained licensure as a
119 chiropractor in another state under the same education
120 requirements which were equivalent to the education requirements
121 in this state to obtain a chiropractic license at the time the
122 applicant obtained the license in the other state, and (c) * * *
123 meets the requirements of Section 73-6-1(3) pertaining to
124 therapeutic modalities. The issuance of a license by reciprocity



125 to a military-trained applicant, military spouse or person who
126 establishes residence in this state shall be subject to the
127 provisions of Section 73-50-1 or 73-50-2, as applicable.

128 **SECTION 5.** Section 73-9-24, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
129 amended as follows:

130 73-9-24. (1) In addition to the method for obtaining a
131 license to practice dentistry or dental hygiene by way of
132 examination as provided by Section 73-9-23, the board, in its sole
133 discretion, may grant a license to a candidate who meets the
134 following criteria:

135 (a) Submit proof of graduation from a dental school or
136 school of dental hygiene accredited by the Commission on Dental
137 Accreditation of the American Dental Association (ADA), or its
138 successor commission;

139 (b) Be engaged in the active practice of dentistry or
140 dental hygiene or in full-time dental education or dental hygiene
141 education for the past five (5) years;

142 (c) Currently hold a valid, unrestricted and unexpired
143 license in * * * another state * * *;

144 (d) Provides an endorsement from all states in which he
145 or she is currently licensed or has ever been licensed to practice
146 dentistry or dental hygiene;

147 (e) Has not been the subject of pending or final
148 disciplinary action in any state in which the applicant has been
149 licensed;



150 (f) Is not the subject of a pending investigation in
151 any other state or jurisdiction;

152 (g) Has passed a state or regional clinical licensure
153 examination and, within the past five (5) years, has not failed a
154 clinical licensure examination administered by another state,
155 jurisdiction, or regional licensing board;

156 (h) Has not failed at any time, a licensure examination
157 administered by the Mississippi State Board of Dental Examiners;

158 (i) Provides a written statement agreeing to appear for
159 interviews at the request of the board;

160 (j) Has successfully completed all parts of the
161 National Board Examinations of the Joint Commission on National
162 Dental Examinations, or its successor commission, unless the
163 applicant graduated from an accredited dental or dental hygiene
164 school before 1960;

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166 (* * *k) Provides payment of a nonrefundable
167 application fee as provided in Section 73-9-43; and

168 (* * *l) In addition, the State Board of Dental
169 Examiners may consider the following in accepting, rejecting or
170 denying an application for licensure by credentialing:

171 (i) Information from the National Practitioner
172 Data Bank, the Healthcare Integrity and Protection Data Bank
173 and/or the American Association of Dental Examiners Clearinghouse
174 for Disciplinary Information.



- 175 (ii) Questioning under oath.
- 176 (iii) Results of peer review reports from
177 constituent societies and/or federal dental services.
- 178 (iv) Substance abuse testing or treatment.
- 179 (v) Background checks for criminal or fraudulent
180 activities.
- 181 (vi) Participation in continuing education.
- 182 (vii) A current certificate in cardiopulmonary
183 resuscitation.
- 184 (viii) Recent patient case reports and/or oral
185 defense of diagnosis and treatment plans.
- 186 (ix) No physical or psychological impairment that
187 would adversely affect the ability to deliver quality dental care.
- 188 (x) Agreement to initiate practice in the
189 credentialing jurisdiction within a reasonable period of time.
- 190 (xi) Proof of professional liability coverage and
191 that the coverage has not been refused, declined, canceled,
192 nonrenewed or modified.
- 193 (xii) Any additional information or documentation
194 that the board may stipulate by rule or regulation as necessary to
195 qualify for a license by credentialing.
- 196 (2) The board shall be granted sufficient time to conduct a
197 complete inquiry into the applicant's qualifications for licensure
198 by credentials, and the board may adopt such rules and regulations



199 pertaining to the time needed to conduct investigations and the
200 responsibility of applicants to produce verifiable documentation.

201 (3) Any applicant failing to meet the criteria in subsection
202 (1) of this section shall not be eligible for a license based on
203 credentials. Upon meeting the criteria in subsection (1) of this
204 section, the Mississippi State Board of Dental Examiners may, in
205 its discretion, issue to the applicant a license to practice
206 dentistry, or dental hygiene, unless grounds for denial of
207 licensure exist as enumerated in Section 73-9-61. Evidence of
208 falsification in the application for licensure through
209 credentialing will result in revocation of the license.

210 (4) Any applicant applying for a specialty license by
211 credentials must stay within his or her board recognized specialty
212 and must practice only that specialty within the State of
213 Mississippi. A specialty license holder must hold a general
214 dentistry license before obtaining a specialty license.

215 (5) The issuance of a license by reciprocity to a
216 military-trained applicant, military spouse or person who
217 establishes residence in this state shall be subject to the
218 provisions of Section 73-50-1 or 73-50-2, as applicable.

219 **SECTION 6.** Section 73-10-15, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
220 amended as follows:

221 73-10-15. (1) A nonresident dietitian may practice
222 dietetics in Mississippi for five (5) days per year with current



223 other state's licensure or with current registration with the
224 Commission on Dietetics Registration.

225 (2) The board * * * shall waive the prescribed examination
226 for licensure and grant a license to any person who shall present
227 proof of current licensure as a dietitian in another state, the
228 District of Columbia, or territory of the United States * * *.
229 The issuance of a license by reciprocity to a military-trained
230 applicant, military spouse or person who establishes residence in
231 this state shall be subject to the provisions of Section 73-50-1
232 or 73-50-2, as applicable.

233 **SECTION 7.** Section 73-14-25, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
234 amended as follows:

235 73-14-25. The department * * * shall license as a hearing
236 aid specialist, and furnish a certificate of licensure, to any
237 applicant who presents evidence, satisfactory to the department of
238 having passed an examination before a similar lawfully authorized
239 examining agency or board of hearing aid specialists of another
240 state or the District of Columbia * * *.

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242 The issuance of a license by reciprocity to a
243 military-trained applicant, military spouse or person who
244 establishes residence in this state shall be subject to the
245 provisions of Section 73-50-1 or 73-50-2, as applicable.

246 **SECTION 8.** Section 73-23-51, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
247 amended as follows:



248 73-23-51. (1) The board may license as a physical therapist
249 or as a physical therapist assistant, and furnish a certificate of
250 licensure without examination to, any applicant who presents
251 evidence, satisfactory to the board, of having passed an
252 examination before a similar lawfully authorized examining agency
253 or board in physical therapy of another state or the District of
254 Columbia * * *. The issuance of a license by reciprocity to a
255 military-trained applicant, military spouse or person who
256 establishes residence in this state shall be subject to the
257 provisions of Section 73-50-1 or 73-50-2, as applicable.

258 (2) Any person who has been trained as a physical therapist
259 in a foreign country and desires to be licensed under this chapter
260 and who: (a) is of good moral character; (b) holds a diploma from
261 an educational program for physical therapists approved by the
262 board; (c) submits documentary evidence to the board that he has
263 completed a course of professional instruction substantially
264 equivalent to that obtained by an applicant for licensure; (d)
265 demonstrates satisfactory proof of proficiency in the English
266 language; and (e) meets other requirements established by rules of
267 the board, may make application on a form furnished by the board
268 for examination as a foreign-trained physical therapist. At the
269 time of making such application, the applicant shall pay the fee
270 prescribed by the board, no portion of which shall be returned.

271 Any person who desires to be licensed under this subsection
272 shall take an examination approved by the board and shall obtain a



273 permanent license. If this requirement is not met, the license of
274 the foreign-trained therapist may be revoked.

275 **SECTION 9.** Section 73-24-21, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
276 amended as follows:

277 73-24-21. (1) The board shall grant a license to any person
278 certified prior to July 1, 1988, as an Occupational Therapist
279 Registered (OTR) or a Certified Occupational Therapy Assistant
280 (COTA) by the American Occupational Therapy Association (AOTA).
281 The board may waive the examination, education or experience
282 requirements and grant a license to any person certified by AOTA
283 after July 1, 1988, if the board determines the requirements for
284 such certification are equivalent to the requirements for
285 licensure in this chapter.

286 (2) The board * * * shall waive the examination, education
287 or experience requirements and grant a license to any applicant
288 who shall present proof of current licensure as an occupational
289 therapist or occupational therapy assistant in another state, the
290 District of Columbia or territory of the United States * * *. The
291 issuance of a license by reciprocity to a military-trained
292 applicant, military spouse or person who establishes residence in
293 this state shall be subject to the provisions of Section 73-50-1
294 or 73-50-2, as applicable.

295 (3) Foreign-trained occupational therapists and occupational
296 therapy assistants shall satisfy the examination requirements of
297 Section 73-24-19. The board shall require foreign-trained



298 applicants to furnish proof of good moral character and completion
299 of educational and supervised fieldwork requirements substantially
300 equal to those contained in Section 73-24-19 before taking the
301 examination.

302 **SECTION 10.** Section 73-25-21, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
303 amended as follows:

304 73-25-21. The State Board of Medical Licensure * * * shall
305 grant license to practice medicine without examination as to
306 learning to graduates in medicine or osteopathic medicine who hold
307 license to practice medicine from another state * * *. The State
308 Board of Medical Licensure * * * shall affiliate with and
309 recognize for the purpose of waiving examination diplomates of the
310 National Board of Medical Examiners, or the National Board of
311 Examiners for Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons in granting
312 license to practice medicine in Mississippi. In addition, the
313 board * * * shall grant a license to practice medicine without
314 examination to Licentiates of the Medical Council of Canada (LMCC)
315 who are graduates of Canadian medical schools which are accredited
316 by the Liaison Committee on Medical Education, as sponsored by the
317 American Medical Association and the Association of American
318 Medical Colleges, and by the Committee for Accreditation of
319 Canadian Medical Schools, as sponsored by the Canadian Medical
320 Association and the Association of Canadian Medical Colleges.

321 The issuance of a license by reciprocity to a
322 military-trained applicant, military spouse or person who



323 establishes residence in this state shall be subject to the
324 provisions of Section 73-50-1 or 73-50-2, as applicable.

325 **SECTION 11.** Section 73-27-5, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
326 amended as follows:

327 73-27-5. All applicants for license shall have attained the
328 age of twenty-one (21) years, and shall be of good moral
329 character; they shall have had at least four (4) years high school
330 and be graduates of same; they shall have at least one (1) year
331 prepodiatry college education and be graduates of some college of
332 podiatry recognized as being in good standing by the State Board
333 of Medical Licensure. No college of podiatry or chiropody shall
334 be accredited by the board as a college of good standing that does
335 not require for graduation a course of study of at least four (4)
336 years (eight and one-half (8-1/2) months each) and be recognized
337 by the Council on Education of the American Podiatry Association.
338 However, all podiatrists actively engaged in the practice of
339 podiatry in the State of Mississippi, prior to January 1, 1938,
340 whether graduates or not, shall, upon furnishing proof thereof by
341 displaying their state privilege tax license to the Secretary of
342 the State Board of Medical Licensure, and upon payment of fee of
343 Ten Dollars and Twenty-five Cents (\$10.25), be entitled to a
344 license without an examination, and applications for the license
345 shall be filed not later than sixty (60) days after February 17,
346 1938. Upon payment of a fee prescribed by the State Board of
347 Medical Licensure, not to exceed Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00), a



348 license without examination * * * shall be issued to podiatrists
349 of other states * * *. The State Board of Medical Licensure * * *
350 shall affiliate with the National Board of Chiropractic or Podiatry
351 Licensure in granting licenses to practice podiatry in
352 Mississippi, provided the written examination covers at least
353 two-thirds (2/3) of the subjects set forth in Section 73-27-9.
354 The issuance of a license by reciprocity to a military-trained
355 applicant, military spouse or person who establishes residence in
356 this state shall be subject to the provisions of Section 73-50-1
357 or 73-50-2, as applicable.

358 To qualify for a Mississippi podiatry license, an applicant
359 must have successfully been cleared for licensure through an
360 investigation that shall consist of a determination as to good
361 moral character and verification that the prospective licensee is
362 not guilty of or in violation of any statutory ground for denial
363 of licensure as set forth in Section 73-27-13. To assist the
364 board in conducting its licensure investigation, all applicants
365 shall undergo a fingerprint-based criminal history records check
366 of the Mississippi central criminal database and the Federal
367 Bureau of Investigation criminal history database. Each applicant
368 shall submit a full set of the applicant's fingerprints in a form
369 and manner prescribed by the board, which shall be forwarded to
370 the Mississippi Department of Public Safety (department) and the
371 Federal Bureau of Investigation Identification Division for this
372 purpose.



373 Any and all state or national criminal history records
374 information obtained by the board that is not already a matter of
375 public record shall be deemed nonpublic and confidential
376 information restricted to the exclusive use of the board, its
377 members, officers, investigators, agents and attorneys in
378 evaluating the applicant's eligibility or disqualification for
379 licensure, and shall be exempt from the Mississippi Public Records
380 Act of 1983. Except when introduced into evidence in a hearing
381 before the board to determine licensure, no such information or
382 records related thereto shall, except with the written consent of
383 the applicant or by order of a court of competent jurisdiction, be
384 released or otherwise disclosed by the board to any other person
385 or agency.

386 The board shall provide to the department the fingerprints of
387 the applicant, any additional information that may be required by
388 the department, and a form signed by the applicant consenting to
389 the check of the criminal records and to the use of the
390 fingerprints and other identifying information required by the
391 state or national repositories.

392 The board shall charge and collect from the applicant, in
393 addition to all other applicable fees and costs, such amount as
394 may be incurred by the board in requesting and obtaining state and
395 national criminal history records information on the applicant.



396 Each application or filing made under this section shall
397 include the social security number(s) of the applicant in
398 accordance with Section 93-11-64.

399 **SECTION 12.** Section 73-29-19, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
400 amended as follows:

401 73-29-19. An applicant who is a polygraph examiner licensed
402 under the laws of another state or territory of the United
403 States * * * shall be issued a license upon payment of a fee of
404 Fifty Dollars (\$50.00) and the production of satisfactory proof
405 that:

- 406 (1) He is at least twenty-one (21) years of age;
407 (2) He is a citizen of the United States;
408 (3) He is of good moral character;

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410 (* * * 4) The applicant had lawfully engaged in the
411 administration of polygraph examinations under the laws of such
412 state or territory for at least two (2) years prior to his
413 application for license hereunder; and

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- 415 (7) He has complied with Section 73-29-17.

416 The issuance of a license by reciprocity to a
417 military-trained applicant, military spouse or person who
418 establishes residence in this state shall be subject to the
419 provisions of Section 73-50-1 or 73-50-2, as applicable.



420 **SECTION 13.** Section 73-31-15, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
421 amended as follows:

422 73-31-15. (1) Upon application accompanied by the proper
423 fee, the board * * * shall issue a license to any psychologist who
424 furnishes, upon a form and in the manner as the board prescribes,
425 evidence satisfactory to the board that he or she is a diplomate
426 in good standing of the American Board of Examiners in
427 Professional Psychology; or possesses a valid Certificate of
428 Professional Qualification (CPQ) granted by the Association of
429 State and Provincial Psychology Boards; or has at least twenty
430 (20) years of licensure to practice in another state, territorial
431 possession of the United States, District of Columbia, or
432 Commonwealth of Puerto Rico or Canadian Province when that license
433 was based on a doctoral degree; and

434 (a) Has had no disciplinary sanction during the entire
435 period of licensure; and

436 (b) Is not currently under investigation by another
437 licensure board * * *.

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439 (2) The issuance of a license by reciprocity to a
440 military-trained applicant, military spouse or person who
441 establishes residence in this state shall be subject to the
442 provisions of Section 73-50-1 or 73-50-2, as applicable.

443 **SECTION 14.** Section 73-33-2, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
444 brought forward as follows:



445 73-33-2. For the purposes of this chapter, unless context
446 requires otherwise:

447 (a) "Attest" means providing the following services:

448 (i) Any audit or other engagement to be performed
449 in accordance with the Statements on Auditing Standards (SAS);

450 (ii) Any review of a financial statement to be
451 performed in accordance with the Statements on Standards for
452 Accounting and Review Services (SSARS);

453 (iii) Any examination of prospective financial
454 information to be performed with the Statements on Standards for
455 Attestation Engagements (SSAE);

456 (iv) Any engagement to be performed in accordance
457 with the Auditing Standards of the Public Company Accounting
458 Oversight Board (PCAOB); and

459 (v) Any examination, review or agreed upon
460 procedures engagement to be performed in accordance with the SSAE,
461 other than an examination described in subparagraph (iii) of this
462 paragraph.

463 The standard specified in this definition shall be adopted by
464 reference by the board pursuant to rulemaking and shall be those
465 developed for general application by recognized national
466 accountancy organizations, such as the American Institute of
467 Certified Public Accountants (AICPA) and the Public Company
468 Accounting Oversight Board (PCAOB).



469 (b) "Certified public accountant," "CPA," or "licensee"
470 means an individual who holds a license issued by the Mississippi
471 State Board of Public Accountancy to practice public accounting or
472 qualifies for a practice privilege under Section 73-33-17. The
473 term "license" is used synonymously for the terms "certificate" or
474 "certification."

475 (c) "Certified public accountant firm" or "CPA firm"
476 means any professional corporation, partnership, joint venture,
477 professional association, sole proprietor, or other business
478 organization or office thereof allowable under state law and under
479 the qualifications as set in the rules and regulations of the
480 board maintained for the purpose of performing or offering to
481 perform public accounting.

482 (d) "Compilation" means a service to be performed in
483 accordance with Statements on Standards for Accounting and Review
484 Services (SSARS) that is presenting, in the form of financial
485 statements, information that is the representation of management
486 (owners) without undertaking to express any assurance on the
487 statements.

488 (e) "Practice of, or practicing, CPA public accounting
489 or CPA public accountancy" means the performance, the offering to
490 perform, or maintaining an office by a person, persons or firm
491 holding itself out to the public as certified public accountant(s)
492 or CPA firm, for a client or potential client, or certified public
493 accountant(s) or CPA firm performing one or more kinds of services



494 involving the use of accounting or auditing skills, including, but
495 not limited to, the issuance of reports on financial statements,
496 or of one or more kinds of management advisory, financial advisory
497 or consulting services, or the preparation of tax returns or the
498 furnishing of advice on tax matters.

499 (f) "Firm permit to practice public accounting" means a
500 permit issued by the Mississippi State Board of Public Accountancy
501 permitting a certified public accountant firm to practice CPA
502 public accounting, and "permit holder" means a certified public
503 accountant firm holding such permit.

504 (g) "Substantial equivalency" means a determination by
505 the Mississippi State Board of Public Accountancy or its designee
506 that another jurisdiction's licensure requirements are comparable
507 to or exceed those contained in Section 73-33-17(1), or that an
508 individual who holds a valid license as a certified public
509 accountant has education, examination and experience
510 qualifications that are comparable to or exceed those contained in
511 Section 73-33-17(1). In ascertaining substantial equivalency as
512 used in this chapter, the board shall take into account the
513 qualifications without regard to the sequence in which experience,
514 education or examination qualifications were attained.

515 (h) "Principal place of business" means the office
516 location designated by the licensee for purposes of substantial
517 equivalency and reciprocity.



518 (i) "Home office" is the location specified by the
519 client as the address to which a service described in Section
520 73-33-17(4) is directed.

521 **SECTION 15.** Section 73-33-17, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
522 brought forward as follows:

523 73-33-17. (1) An individual whose principal place of
524 business is not in this state and who holds a valid license as a
525 certified public accountant from any state that requires, as a
526 condition of licensure, that an individual:

527 (a) Has at least one hundred fifty (150) semester hours
528 of college education including a baccalaureate or higher degree
529 conferred by a college or university;

530 (b) Achieves a passing grade on the Uniform Certified
531 Public Accountant Examination; and

532 (c) Possesses at least one (1) year of experience
533 verified by a licensee, including providing any type of service or
534 advice involving the use of accounting, attest, compilation,
535 management advisory, financial advisory, tax or consulting skills,
536 which may be obtained through government, industry, academic or
537 public practice; shall be deemed to have qualifications
538 substantially equivalent to this state's requirements and shall
539 have all the privileges of licensees of this state without the
540 need to obtain a license from the Mississippi State Board of
541 Public Accountancy. Notwithstanding any other provision of law,
542 an individual who offers or renders professional services, whether



543 in person, or by mail, telephone or electronic means, under this
544 section shall be granted practice privileges in this state, and
545 may use the title "CPA" or "Certified Public Accountant," and no
546 notice, fee or other submission shall be provided by any such
547 individual. Such an individual shall be subject to the
548 requirements of subsection (3) of this section. In the
549 implementation and application of paragraphs (a) through (c) of
550 this subsection (1), the Mississippi State Board of Public
551 Accountancy shall, for uniformity purposes with other states,
552 consider how the majority of other states with similar provisions
553 implement those provisions and shall be reasonably consistent with
554 those states.

555 (2) An individual whose principal place of business is not
556 in this state and who holds a valid license as a certified public
557 accountant from any state that does not meet the requirements of
558 subsection (1) of this section, but the individual's certified
559 public accounting qualifications are verified by the board's
560 designee as substantially equivalent to those requirements, shall
561 be deemed to have qualifications substantially equivalent to this
562 state's requirements and shall have all the privileges of
563 licensees of this state without the need to obtain a license from
564 the Mississippi State Board of Public Accountancy. Any individual
565 who passed the Uniform CPA Examination and holds a valid license
566 issued by any other state prior to January 1, 2012, may be exempt
567 from the education requirement in subsection (1) of this section



568 for purposes of this subsection. Notwithstanding any other
569 provision of law, an individual who offers or renders professional
570 services, whether in person, or by mail, telephone or electronic
571 means, under this section shall be granted practice privileges in
572 this state, and may use the title "CPA" or "Certified Public
573 Accountant," and no notice, fee or other submission shall be
574 provided by any such individual. Such an individual shall be
575 subject to the requirements of subsection (3) of this section.

576 (3) Any individual licensee of another state exercising the
577 privilege afforded under this section and the firm which employs
578 that licensee hereby simultaneously consent, as a condition of the
579 grant of the privilege:

580 (a) To the personal and subject matter jurisdiction and
581 disciplinary authority of the board;

582 (b) To comply with this chapter and the board's rules;

583 (c) That in the event the license from the state of the
584 individual's principal place of business is no longer valid, the
585 individual will cease offering or rendering professional services
586 in this state individually and on behalf of a firm; and

587 (d) To the appointment of the state board which issued
588 their license as their agent upon whom process may be served in
589 any action or proceeding by this board against the licensee.

590 (4) An individual who has been granted practice privileges
591 under this section who, for any entity with its home office in
592 this state, performs any of the following services:



593 (a) Any financial statement audit or other engagement
594 to be performed in accordance with Statements on Auditing
595 Standards;

596 (b) Any examination of prospective financial
597 information to be performed in accordance with Statements on
598 Standards for Attestation Engagements; or

599 (c) Any engagement to be performed in accordance with
600 PCAOB Auditing Standards; may only do so through a firm which has
601 obtained a permit issued under Section 73-33-1(3).

602 (5) A licensee of this state offering or rendering services
603 or using their CPA title in another state shall be subject to
604 disciplinary action in this state for an act committed in another
605 state for which the licensee would be subject to discipline for an
606 act committed in the other state. The board shall be required to
607 investigate any complaint made by the State Board of Public
608 Accountancy of another state.

609 **SECTION 16.** Section 73-35-7, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
610 amended as follows:

611 73-35-7. Licenses shall be granted only to persons who
612 present, and to corporations, partnerships, companies or
613 associations whose officers, associates or partners present
614 satisfactory proof to the commission that they are trustworthy and
615 competent to transact the business of a real estate broker or real
616 estate salesperson in such manner as to safeguard the interests of
617 the public. Except as otherwise provided in this section, every



618 person who applies for a resident license as a real estate broker:
619 (a) shall be age twenty-one (21) years or over, and have his legal
620 domicile in the State of Mississippi at the time he applies; (b)
621 shall be subject to the jurisdiction of this state, subject to the
622 income tax laws and other excise laws thereof, subject to the road
623 and bridge privilege tax laws thereof; (c) shall not be an elector
624 in any other state; (d) shall have held a license as an active
625 real estate salesperson for twelve (12) months prior to making
626 application for the broker's examination hereafter specified; (e)
627 shall have successfully completed a minimum of one hundred twenty
628 (120) hours of courses in real estate as hereafter specified; (f)
629 shall have successfully completed the real estate broker's
630 examination as hereafter specified; and (g) shall have
631 successfully been cleared for licensure by the commission's
632 background investigation as provided in Section 73-35-10; and (h)
633 sign a form under penalty of perjury stating that the applicant
634 will not hire any real estate salespersons for thirty-six (36)
635 months from the date of approval of his or her active real estate
636 salesperson's license. The real estate commission shall create a
637 standard form to comply with the requirements of this section.
638 Upon completion of such restriction provided in this paragraph (h)
639 of this section, the real estate broker is authorized to employ
640 any number of real estate salespersons.

641 The provisions of paragraph (h) shall not apply to an
642 applicant who seeks to hire a real estate salesperson in less than



643 thirty-six (36) months from the date of approval of his or her
644 active real estate salesperson's license. Any person who desires
645 to hire a real estate salesperson in less than thirty-six (36)
646 months from the date of approval of his or her active real estate
647 salesperson's license shall: (a) be age twenty-one (21) years or
648 over, and have his or her legal domicile in the State of
649 Mississippi at the time he or she applies; (b) be subject to the
650 jurisdiction of this state, subject to the income tax laws and
651 other excise laws thereof, subject to the road and bridge
652 privilege tax laws thereof; (c) not be an elector in any other
653 state; (d) have held a license as an active real estate
654 salesperson for thirty-six (36) months prior to making application
655 for the broker's examination hereafter specified; (e) have
656 successfully completed a minimum of one hundred twenty (120) hours
657 of courses in real estate as hereafter specified; (f) have
658 successfully completed the real estate broker's examination as
659 hereafter specified; and (g) have successfully been cleared for
660 licensure by the commission's background investigation as provided
661 in Section 73-35-10.

662 An applicant who has not held an active real estate
663 salesperson's license for a period of at least thirty-six (36)
664 months prior to submitting an application shall have successfully
665 completed a minimum of one hundred fifty (150) classroom hours in
666 real estate courses, which courses are acceptable for credit



667 toward a degree at a college or university as approved by the
668 Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.

669 Every applicant for a resident license as a real estate
670 salesperson shall be age eighteen (18) years or over, shall be a
671 bona fide resident of the State of Mississippi prior to filing his
672 application, shall have successfully completed a minimum of sixty
673 (60) hours in courses in real estate as hereafter specified, and
674 shall have successfully completed the real estate salesperson's
675 examination as hereafter specified.

676 The residency requirements set forth in this section shall
677 not apply to those licensees of other states who qualify and
678 obtain nonresident licenses in this state.

679 The commission * * * shall exempt from such prelicensing
680 educational requirements * * * a real estate licensee of another
681 state who desires to obtain a license under this chapter * * *.
682 The issuance of a license by reciprocity to a military-trained
683 applicant, military spouse or person who establishes residence in
684 this state shall be subject to the provisions of Section 73-50-1
685 or 73-50-2, as applicable.

686 **SECTION 17.** Section 73-35-13, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
687 amended as follows:

688 73-35-13. (1) In addition to proof of his honesty,
689 trustworthiness and good reputation, the applicant shall take a
690 written examination which shall be held at least four (4) times
691 each year at regular intervals and on stated times by the



692 commission and shall test reading, writing, spelling, elementary
693 arithmetic and his general knowledge of the statutes of this state
694 relating to real property, deeds, mortgages, agreements of sale,
695 agency, contract, leases, ethics, appraisals, the provisions of
696 this chapter and such other matters the commission certifies as
697 necessary to the practice of real estate brokerage in the State of
698 Mississippi. The examination for a broker's license shall differ
699 from the examination for a salesperson's license, in that it shall
700 be of a more exacting nature and require higher standards of
701 knowledge of real estate. The commission shall cause examinations
702 to be conducted at such times and places as it shall determine.

703 (2) In event the license of any real estate broker or
704 salesperson is revoked by the commission subsequent to the
705 enactment of this chapter, no new license shall be issued to such
706 person unless he complies with the provisions of this chapter.

707 (3) No person shall be permitted or authorized to act as a
708 real estate broker or salesperson until he has qualified by
709 examination, except as hereinbefore provided. Any individual who
710 fails to pass the examination for salesperson upon two (2)
711 occasions, shall be ineligible for a similar examination, until
712 after the expiration of three (3) months from the time such
713 individual last took the examination. Any individual who fails to
714 pass the broker's examination upon two (2) occasions, shall be
715 ineligible for a similar examination until after the expiration of
716 six (6) months from the time such individual last took the



717 examination, and then only upon making application as in the first
718 instance.

719 (4) If the applicant is a partnership, association or
720 corporation, the examination shall be taken on behalf of the
721 partnership, association or corporation by the member or officer
722 thereof who is designated in the application as the person to
723 receive a license by virtue of the issuing of a license to such
724 partnership, association or corporation.

725 (5) Upon satisfactorily passing such examination and upon
726 complying with all other provisions of law and conditions of this
727 chapter, a license shall thereupon be issued to the successful
728 applicant who, upon receiving such license, is authorized to
729 conduct the business of a real estate broker or real estate
730 salesperson in this state.

731 (6) The commission * * * shall exempt from such
732 examination * * * a real estate licensee of another state who
733 desires to obtain a license under this chapter * * *. The
734 issuance of a license by reciprocity to a military-trained
735 applicant, military spouse or person who establishes residence in
736 this state shall be subject to the provisions of Section 73-50-1
737 or 73-50-2, as applicable.

738 **SECTION 18.** Section 73-38-23, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
739 amended as follows:

740 73-38-23. (1) The board * * * shall waive the examination
741 for licensure of any applicant who presents proof of current



742 licensure in another state, including the District of Columbia, or
743 territory of the United States * * *. The issuance of a license
744 by reciprocity to a military-trained applicant, military spouse or
745 person who establishes residence in this state shall be subject to
746 the provisions of Section 73-50-1 or 73-50-2, as applicable.

747 (2) The board shall waive the examination for licensure of
748 any person certified as clinically competent by ASHA in the area
749 for which such person is applying for licensure.

750 **SECTION 19.** Section 73-54-23, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
751 amended as follows:

752 73-54-23. (1) The board shall issue a license by
753 examination of credentials to any applicant licensed or certified
754 as a marriage and family therapist in another state that has such
755 requirements for the license or certificate * * *, provided that
756 the applicant submits an application on forms prescribed by the
757 board, has passed the national Examination in Marital and Family
758 Therapy, and pays the licensure fee prescribed by Section
759 73-54-27. The issuance of a license by reciprocity to a
760 military-trained applicant, military spouse or person who
761 establishes residence in this state shall be subject to the
762 provisions of Section 73-50-1 or 73-50-2, as applicable.

763 (2) The board shall issue a temporary license by examination
764 of credentials to any applicant who has been licensed or certified
765 for at least one (1) year as a social worker or marriage and
766 family therapist in another state that has such requirements for



767 the license or certificate for the same scope of practice * * *,
768 provided that the applicant submits an application on forms
769 prescribed by the board, has passed the applicable national
770 examination for marriage and family therapy or the Association of
771 Social Work Boards (ASWB) examination for social workers and pays
772 the licensure fee prescribed by Section 73-54-27. The practice
773 setting for the temporary licensee shall be limited to a nonprofit
774 health or family counseling facility. The applicant shall be
775 required to hold his or her license or certificate from the other
776 state in good standing and the applicant shall be subject to a
777 criminal history records check by the board. The temporary
778 license shall be issued within sixty (60) days after receiving the
779 application if the applicant submits credentials affirming that he
780 or she satisfies the provisions of this subsection (2). The
781 applicant may practice under the temporary license until a regular
782 license is granted for a period not to exceed three hundred
783 sixty-five (365) days. Insurers shall provide reimbursement to
784 providers based upon the temporary license held by the applicant
785 while the regular license process is completed, and the insurance
786 company may bill for any reimbursement paid to the provider if the
787 application is denied.

788 **SECTION 20.** Section 73-65-7, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
789 amended as follows:

790 73-65-7. (1) The board shall issue a license as a licensed
791 professional art therapist to any person who files a completed



792 application, accompanied by the required fees, and who submits
793 satisfactory evidence that the applicant is at least twenty-one
794 (21) years of age, is a registered art therapist as defined by the
795 Art Therapy Credentials Board, Inc., demonstrates professional
796 competency by satisfactorily passing the required examination, and
797 is a board-certified art therapist as defined by the Art Therapy
798 Credentials Board, Inc.

799 (2) The board may approve on a case-by-case basis applicants
800 who have a master's degree or a doctoral degree from nonaccredited
801 institutions.

802 (3) If an applicant has met all of the requirements for
803 licensure except satisfactorily passing the required examination,
804 the applicant shall be scheduled to take the next examination
805 following the approval of the examination.

806 (4) The board * * * shall issue a license to an applicant
807 without examination if the person possesses a valid regulatory
808 document issued by the appropriate examining board under the laws
809 of any other state or territory of the United States, the District
810 of Columbia, or any foreign nation * * *. The issuance of a
811 license by reciprocity to a military-trained applicant, military
812 spouse or person who establishes residence in this state shall be
813 subject to the provisions of Section 73-50-1 or 73-50-2, as
814 applicable.

815 (5) The board may issue provisional licensure as a
816 professional art therapist to any person who has completed the



817 educational requirements established by the Art Therapy
818 Credentials Board, Inc., and has met all requirements for
819 licensure as a professional art therapist, except the experience
820 and/or examination requirements, and is under the supervision of a
821 supervisor acceptable to the board.

822 (6) The board may set criteria for continuing education and
823 supervisory experience.

824 **SECTION 21.** Section 73-67-25, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
825 amended as follows:

826 73-67-25. (1) An applicant may be licensed by demonstrating
827 proof that the applicant holds a valid, current license in another
828 state * * *, and that all other licensure requirements under this
829 chapter are met. This is subject to investigation by the board
830 and excludes grandfathering by other states.

831 (2) If an individual who is licensed in another state * * *
832 applies for licensure, the board * * * shall issue a provisional
833 permit authorizing the applicant to practice massage therapy
834 pending completion of documentation that the applicant meets the
835 requirements for licensure under this chapter. The provisional
836 permit may reflect statutory limitations on the scope of
837 practice. * * *

838 (3) A current massage therapy license issued by the board
839 shall at all times be prominently displayed in any place where
840 massage therapy is being practiced.



841 (4) A license issued under this chapter is not transferable
842 or assignable.

843 The issuance of a license or provisional permit by
844 reciprocity to a military-trained applicant, military spouse or
845 person who establishes residence in this state shall be subject to
846 the provisions of Section 73-50-1 or 73-50-2, as applicable.

847 **SECTION 22.** Section 73-71-21, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
848 amended as follows:

849 73-71-21. The board * * * shall issue a license without
850 examination to an acupuncture practitioner who has been licensed,
851 certified or otherwise formally legally recognized as an
852 acupuncturist or acupuncture practitioner in any state or
853 territory if * * * the applicant meets the requirements of
854 practice in the state or territory in which the applicant is
855 licensed, certified, or registered as an acupuncturist or
856 acupuncture practitioner * * *.

857 The issuance of a license by reciprocity to a
858 military-trained applicant, military spouse or person who
859 establishes residence in this state shall be subject to the
860 provisions of Section 73-50-1 or 73-50-2, as applicable.

861 **SECTION 23.** Section 73-75-15, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
862 amended as follows:

863 73-75-15. **Waiver of eligibility requirements.** The
864 board * * * shall waive the examination for licensure of any
865 applicant who presents proof of current licensure in another



866 state, including the District of Columbia, or territory of the
867 United States * * *. The issuance of a license by reciprocity to
868 a military-trained applicant, military spouse or person who
869 establishes residence in this state shall be subject to the
870 provisions of Section 73-50-1 or 73-50-2, as applicable.

871 **SECTION 24.** Section 73-1-21, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
872 amended as follows:

873 73-1-21. Any architect residing outside this state may
874 obtain a certificate to practice in the State of Mississippi by
875 complying with Section 73-1-13, and by paying the fees prescribed
876 by the rules of the board; however, no such nonresident applicant
877 shall receive a certificate to practice in this state unless the
878 applicant furnishes evidence satisfactory to the board that the
879 applicant holds a current and valid registration issued by a
880 registration authority recognized by the board, holds a National
881 Council of Architectural Registration Board's certificate, has
882 never been restrained from practicing architecture, and has never
883 had a certificate or license revoked. Each nonresident applicant
884 shall submit, as a part of the application, a sworn affidavit
885 stating that neither such applicant nor any person in, or agent
886 of, the applicant's firm has practiced or is practicing
887 architectural work in this state prior to the applicant having
888 been licensed by the board unless such person or agent holds a
889 license to practice architecture in this state. Failure to submit
890 this affidavit is just cause for disapproval of the application.



891 Except for the exam requirement provided in Section 73-1-13, every
892 applicant for reciprocity registration shall comply fully with the
893 requirements for resident applicants, except that nonresident
894 applicants who met the requirements for issuance of a certificate
895 of registration by the board prior to January 1, 1987, and who, on
896 that date, held a current and valid registration by a registration
897 authority recognized by the board or were qualified exam
898 candidates in another jurisdiction recognized by the board, shall
899 not be required to meet the degree requirements of Section
900 73-1-13. The board shall have the further right to exercise its
901 discretion as to whether such nonresident architect shall be
902 issued such certificate to practice.

903 The issuance of a certificate by reciprocity to a
904 military-trained applicant, military spouse or person who
905 establishes residence in this state shall be subject to the
906 provisions of Section 73-50-1 or 73-50-2, as applicable.

907 **SECTION 25.** Section 73-7-23, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
908 amended as follows:

909 73-7-23. (1) The board * * * shall, upon application, issue
910 a license by reciprocity to any cosmetologist, esthetician or
911 manicurist over the age of seventeen (17) years from any other
912 state who has satisfactorily completed the required number of
913 accredited hours in that state * * *. Applications must be
914 accompanied by (a) proof satisfactory to the board that the



915 required hours have been completed, and (b) the required
916 reciprocity fee, which shall be paid to the board.

917 (2) An instructor from any other state may be qualified for
918 a Mississippi instructor's license upon presenting a valid
919 instructor's license and proof of a high school education or its
920 equivalent, provided that the instructor (a) is not less than
921 twenty-one (21) years of age, (b) has completed training
922 equivalent to the State of Mississippi's training as provided in
923 Section 73-7-15 or has three (3) years or more of experience as a
924 licensed instructor prior to application, (c) can read, write and
925 speak English, (d) has completed twelve (12) semester hours in
926 college courses approved by the board, and (e) has completed a
927 minimum of five (5) continuing education hours in Mississippi
928 board laws, rules and regulations. Such application must be
929 accompanied by two (2) recent passport photographs of the
930 applicant. Applicants shall pay the required license fee.

931 (3) An applicant for a Mississippi instructor's license by
932 reciprocity who has not completed the college courses requirement
933 at the time of application may apply for a onetime temporary
934 teaching permit, which shall be valid for six (6) months and shall
935 be nonrenewable. Such application must be accompanied by proof of
936 enrollment in college course(s), required permit fee, two (2)
937 recent passport photographs of the applicant and other
938 documentation as required for application for a Mississippi
939 instructor's license by reciprocity. Upon proof of completion of



940 college courses and payment of the required license fee, a
941 Mississippi instructor's license shall be issued.

942 (4) The issuance of a license by reciprocity to a
943 military-trained applicant, military spouse or person who
944 establishes residence in this state shall be subject to the
945 provisions of Section 73-50-1 or 73-50-2, as applicable.

946 **SECTION 26.** Section 73-11-51, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
947 amended as follows:

948 73-11-51. (1) No person shall engage in the business or
949 practice of funeral service, including embalming, and/or funeral
950 directing or hold himself out as transacting or practicing or
951 being entitled to transact or practice funeral service, including
952 embalming, and/or funeral directing in this state unless duly
953 licensed under the provisions of this chapter.

954 (2) The board is authorized and empowered to examine
955 applicants for licenses for the practice of funeral service and
956 funeral directing and shall issue the proper license to those
957 persons who successfully pass the applicable examination and
958 otherwise comply with the provisions of this chapter.

959 (3) To be licensed for the practice of funeral directing
960 under this chapter, a person must furnish satisfactory evidence to
961 the board that he or she:

- 962 (a) Is at least eighteen (18) years of age;
- 963 (b) Has a high school diploma or the equivalent
- 964 thereof;



965 (c) Has served as a resident trainee for not less than
966 twenty-four (24) months under the supervision of a person licensed
967 for the practice of funeral service or funeral directing in this
968 state;

969 (d) Has successfully passed a written and/or oral
970 examination as prepared or approved by the board; and

971 (e) Is of good moral character.

972 (4) To be licensed for the practice of funeral service under
973 this chapter, a person must furnish satisfactory evidence to the
974 board that he or she:

975 (a) Is at least eighteen (18) years of age;

976 (b) Has a high school diploma or the equivalent
977 thereof;

978 (c) Has successfully completed twelve (12) months or
979 more of academic and professional instruction from an institution
980 accredited by the United States Department of Education for
981 funeral service education and have a certificate of completion
982 from an institution accredited by the American Board of Funeral
983 Service Education or any other successor recognized by the United
984 States Department of Education for funeral service education;

985 (d) Has served as a resident trainee for not less than
986 twelve (12) months, either before or after graduation from an
987 accredited institution mentioned above, under the supervision of a
988 person licensed for the practice of funeral service in this state
989 and in an establishment licensed in this state;



990 (e) Has successfully passed the National Conference of
991 Funeral Examiners examination and/or such other examination as
992 approved by the board; and

993 (f) Is of good moral character.

994 (5) All applications for examination and license for the
995 practice of funeral service or funeral directing shall be upon
996 forms furnished by the board and shall be accompanied by an
997 examination fee, a licensing fee and a nonrefundable application
998 fee in amounts fixed by the board in accordance with Section
999 73-11-56. The fee for an initial license, however, may be
1000 prorated in proportion to the period of time from the date of
1001 issuance to the date of biennial license renewal prescribed in
1002 subsection (8) of this section. All applications for examination
1003 shall be filed with the board office at least sixty (60) days
1004 before the date of examination. A candidate shall be deemed to
1005 have abandoned the application for examination if he does not
1006 appear on the scheduled date of examination unless such failure to
1007 appear has been approved by the board.

1008 (6) The practice of funeral service or funeral directing
1009 must be engaged in at a licensed funeral establishment, at least
1010 one (1) of which is listed as the licensee's place of business;
1011 and no person, partnership, corporation, association or other
1012 organization shall open or maintain a funeral establishment at
1013 which to engage in or conduct or hold himself or itself out as
1014 engaging in the practice of funeral service or funeral directing



1015 until such establishment has complied with the licensing
1016 requirements of this chapter. A license for the practice of
1017 funeral service or funeral directing shall be used only at
1018 licensed funeral establishments; however, this provision shall not
1019 prevent a person licensed for the practice of funeral service or
1020 funeral directing from conducting a funeral service at a church, a
1021 residence, public hall, lodge room or cemetery chapel, if such
1022 person maintains a fixed licensed funeral establishment of his own
1023 or is in the employ of or an agent of a licensed funeral
1024 establishment.

1025 (7) Any person holding a valid, unrevoked and unexpired
1026 nonreciprocal license in another state or territory * * * may
1027 apply for a license to practice in this state by filing with the
1028 board a certified statement from the secretary of the licensing
1029 board of the state or territory in which the applicant holds his
1030 license certifying to his qualifications and good standing with
1031 that board. He/she must also * * * pay a nonrefundable
1032 application fee set by the board. If the board finds that the
1033 applicant has fulfilled aforesaid requirements * * *, the board
1034 shall grant such license upon receipt of a fee in an amount equal
1035 to the renewal fee set by the board for a license for the practice
1036 of funeral service or funeral directing, as the case may be, in
1037 this state. The board may issue a temporary funeral service or
1038 funeral directing work permit before a license is granted, before
1039 the next regular meeting of the board, if the applicant for a



1040 reciprocal license has complied with all requirements, rules and
1041 regulations of the board. The temporary permit will expire at the
1042 next regular meeting of the board. The issuance of a license or
1043 temporary permit by reciprocity to a military-trained applicant,
1044 military spouse or person who establishes residence in this state
1045 shall be subject to the provisions of Section 73-50-1 or 73-50-2,
1046 as applicable.

1047 (8) (a) Except as provided in Section 33-1-39, any person
1048 holding a license for the practice of funeral service or funeral
1049 directing may have the same renewed for a period of two (2) years
1050 by making and filing with the board an application on or before
1051 the due date. Payment of the renewal fee shall be in an amount
1052 set by the board in accordance with Section 73-11-56. The board
1053 shall mail the notice of renewal and the due date for the payment
1054 of the renewal fee to the last-known address of each licensee at
1055 least thirty (30) days before that date. It is the responsibility
1056 of the licensee to notify the board in writing of any change of
1057 address. An application will be considered late if the
1058 application and proper fees are not in the board's office or
1059 postmarked by the due date. Failure of a license holder to
1060 receive the notice of renewal shall not exempt or excuse a license
1061 holder from the requirement of renewing the license on or before
1062 the license expiration date.

1063 (b) If the renewal fee is not paid on or postmarked by
1064 the due date, the license of such person shall by operation of law



1065 automatically expire and become void without further action of the
1066 board. The board may reinstate such license if application for
1067 licensure is made within a period of five (5) years, upon payment
1068 of the renewal fee for the current year, all renewal fees in
1069 arrears, and a reinstatement fee. After a period of five (5)
1070 years, the licensee must make application, pay the current renewal
1071 fee, all fees in arrears, and pass a written and/or oral
1072 examination as prepared or approved by the board.

1073 (9) No license shall be assignable or valid for any person
1074 other than the original licensee.

1075 (10) The board may, in its discretion, if there is a major
1076 disaster or emergency where human death is likely to occur,
1077 temporarily authorize the practice of funeral directing and
1078 funeral service by persons licensed to practice in another state
1079 but not licensed to practice in this state. Only persons licensed
1080 in this state, however, may sign death certificates.

1081 (11) Any funeral service technology or mortuary science
1082 program accredited by the American Board of Funeral Service
1083 Education in the State of Mississippi, as well as students
1084 enrolled in such a program, shall be exempt from licensing under
1085 this chapter when embalming or otherwise preparing a deceased
1086 human body for disposition as part of a student practicum
1087 experience, when the student is directly supervised by an
1088 instructor or preceptor who holds a current funeral service
1089 license. This exemption shall apply to practicum experiences



1090 performed at an accredited institution of funeral service
1091 technology or mortuary science program or at a duly licensed
1092 funeral establishment or commercial mortuary service. Nothing in
1093 this subsection shall be construed to allow any funeral service
1094 technology or mortuary science program, or those students enrolled
1095 in such a program, to engage in practicum experiences for
1096 remuneration.

1097 (12) Each application or filing made under this section
1098 shall include the social security number(s) of the applicant in
1099 accordance with Section 93-11-64.

1100 **SECTION 27.** Section 73-13-35, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
1101 amended as follows:

1102 73-13-35. The board * * * shall, upon application therefor
1103 and the payment of a fee in accordance with Section 73-13-25,
1104 issue a certificate of licensure as a professional engineer to any
1105 person who holds a certificate of qualification or licensure
1106 issued to him by proper authority of any state or territory or
1107 possession of the United States, or of any country * * *. The
1108 issuance of a certificate of licensure by reciprocity to a
1109 military-trained applicant, military spouse or person who
1110 establishes residence in this state shall be subject to the
1111 provisions of Section 73-50-1 or 73-50-2, as applicable.

1112 **SECTION 28.** Section 73-15-19, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
1113 amended as follows:



1114 73-15-19. (1) **Registered nurse applicant qualifications.**

1115 Any applicant for a license to practice as a registered nurse
1116 shall submit to the board:

1117 (a) An attested written application on a Board of
1118 Nursing form;

1119 (b) Written official evidence of completion of a
1120 nursing program approved by the Board of Trustees of State
1121 Institutions of Higher Learning, or one approved by a legal
1122 accrediting agency of another state, territory or possession of
1123 the United States, the District of Columbia, or a foreign country
1124 which is satisfactory to this board;

1125 (c) Evidence of competence in English related to
1126 nursing, provided the first language is not English;

1127 (d) Any other official records required by the board.

1128 In addition to the requirements specified in paragraphs (a)
1129 through (d) of this subsection, in order to qualify for a license
1130 to practice as a registered nurse, an applicant must have
1131 successfully been cleared for licensure through an investigation
1132 that shall consist of a determination as to good moral character
1133 and verification that the prospective licensee is not guilty of or
1134 in violation of any statutory ground for denial of licensure as
1135 set forth in Section 73-15-29 or guilty of any offense specified
1136 in Section 73-15-33. To assist the board in conducting its
1137 licensure investigation, all applicants shall undergo a
1138 fingerprint-based criminal history records check of the



1139 Mississippi central criminal database and the Federal Bureau of
1140 Investigation criminal history database. Each applicant shall
1141 submit a full set of his or her fingerprints in a form and manner
1142 prescribed by the board, which shall be forwarded to the
1143 Mississippi Department of Public Safety (department) and the
1144 Federal Bureau of Investigation Identification Division for this
1145 purpose.

1146 Any and all state or national criminal history records
1147 information obtained by the board that is not already a matter of
1148 public record shall be deemed nonpublic and confidential
1149 information restricted to the exclusive use of the board, its
1150 members, officers, investigators, agents and attorneys in
1151 evaluating the applicant's eligibility or disqualification for
1152 licensure, and shall be exempt from the Mississippi Public Records
1153 Act of 1983. Except when introduced into evidence in a hearing
1154 before the board to determine licensure, no such information or
1155 records related thereto shall, except with the written consent of
1156 the applicant or by order of a court of competent jurisdiction, be
1157 released or otherwise disclosed by the board to any other person
1158 or agency.

1159 The board shall provide to the department the fingerprints of
1160 the applicant, any additional information that may be required by
1161 the department, and a form signed by the applicant consenting to
1162 the check of the criminal records and to the use of the



1163 fingerprints and other identifying information required by the
1164 state or national repositories.

1165 The board shall charge and collect from the applicant, in
1166 addition to all other applicable fees and costs, such amount as
1167 may be incurred by the board in requesting and obtaining state and
1168 national criminal history records information on the applicant.

1169 The board may, in its discretion, refuse to accept the
1170 application of any person who has been convicted of a criminal
1171 offense under any provision of Title 97 of the Mississippi Code of
1172 1972, as now or hereafter amended, or any provision of this
1173 article.

1174 (2) **Licensure by examination.** (a) Upon the board being
1175 satisfied that an applicant for a license as a registered nurse
1176 has met the qualifications set forth in subsection (1) of this
1177 section, the board shall proceed to examine such applicant in such
1178 subjects as the board shall, in its discretion, determine. The
1179 subjects in which applicants shall be examined shall be in
1180 conformity with curricula in schools of nursing approved by the
1181 Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning, or one
1182 approved by a legal accrediting agency of another state, territory
1183 or possession of the United States, the District of Columbia, or a
1184 foreign country which is satisfactory to the board.

1185 (b) The applicant shall be required to pass the written
1186 examination as selected by the board.



1187 (c) Upon successful completion of such examination, the
1188 board shall issue to the applicant a license to practice as a
1189 registered nurse.

1190 (d) The board may use any part or all of the state
1191 board test pool examination for registered nurse licensure, its
1192 successor examination, or any other nationally standardized
1193 examination identified by the board in its rules. The passing
1194 score shall be established by the board in its rules.

1195 (3) **Licensure by endorsement.** The board * * * shall issue a
1196 license to practice nursing as a registered nurse without
1197 examination to an applicant who has been duly licensed as a
1198 registered nurse under the laws of another state, territory or
1199 possession of the United States, the District of Columbia, or a
1200 foreign country * * *. The issuance of a license by endorsement
1201 to a military-trained applicant, military spouse or person who
1202 establishes residence in this state shall be subject to the
1203 provisions of Section 73-50-1 or 73-50-2, as applicable.

1204 (4) **Requirements for rewriting the examination.** The board
1205 shall establish in its rules the requirements for rewriting the
1206 examination for those persons failing the examination on the first
1207 writing or subsequent rewriting.

1208 (5) **Fee.** The applicant applying for a license by
1209 examination or by endorsement to practice as a registered nurse
1210 shall pay a fee not to exceed One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) to the
1211 board.



1212 (6) **Temporary permit.** (a) The board may issue a temporary
1213 permit to practice nursing to a graduate of an approved school of
1214 nursing pending the results of the examination in Mississippi, and
1215 to a qualified applicant from another state, territory or
1216 possession of the United States, or District of Columbia, or
1217 pending licensure procedures as provided for elsewhere in this
1218 article. The fee shall not exceed Twenty-five Dollars (\$25.00).

1219 (b) The board * * * shall issue a temporary permit for
1220 a period of ninety (90) days to a registered nurse who is
1221 currently licensed in another state, territory or possession of
1222 the United States or the District of Columbia and who is an
1223 applicant for licensure by endorsement. Such permit is not
1224 renewable except by board action. The issuance of a temporary
1225 permit to a military-trained applicant, military spouse or person
1226 who establishes residence in this state shall be subject to the
1227 provisions of Section 73-50-1 or 73-50-2, as applicable.

1228 (c) The board may issue a temporary permit to a
1229 graduate of an approved school of nursing pending the results of
1230 the first licensing examination scheduled after application. Such
1231 permit is not renewable except by board action.

1232 (d) The board may issue a temporary permit for a period
1233 of thirty (30) days to any registered nurse during the time
1234 enrolled in a nursing reorientation program. This time period may
1235 be extended by board action. The fee shall not exceed Twenty-five
1236 Dollars (\$25.00).



1237 (e) The board may adopt such regulations as are
1238 necessary to limit the practice of persons to whom temporary
1239 permits are issued.

1240 (7) **Temporary license.** The board may issue a temporary
1241 license to practice nursing at a youth camp licensed by the State
1242 Board of Health to nonresident registered nurses and retired
1243 resident registered nurses under the provisions of Section
1244 75-74-8.

1245 (8) **Title and abbreviation.** Any person who holds a license
1246 or holds the privilege to practice as a registered nurse in this
1247 state shall have the right to use the title "registered nurse" and
1248 the abbreviation "R.N." No other person shall assume such title
1249 or use such abbreviation, or any words, letters, signs or devices
1250 to indicate that the person using the same is a registered nurse.

1251 (9) **Registered nurses licensed under a previous law.** Any
1252 person holding a license to practice nursing as a registered nurse
1253 issued by this board which is valid on July 1, 1981, shall
1254 thereafter be deemed to be licensed as a registered nurse under
1255 the provisions of this article upon payment of the fee provided in
1256 Section 73-15-27.

1257 (10) Each application or filing made under this section
1258 shall include the social security number(s) of the applicant in
1259 accordance with Section 93-11-64.

1260 **SECTION 29.** Section 73-15-21, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
1261 amended as follows:



1262 73-15-21. (1) **Licensed practical nurse applicant**
1263 **qualifications.** Any applicant for a license to practice practical
1264 nursing as a licensed practical nurse shall submit to the board:
1265 (a) An attested written application on a Board of
1266 Nursing form;
1267 (b) A diploma from an approved high school or the
1268 equivalent thereof, as determined by the appropriate educational
1269 agency;
1270 (c) Written official evidence of completion of a
1271 practical nursing program approved by the State Department of
1272 Education through its Division of Vocational Education, or one
1273 approved by a legal accrediting agency of another state, territory
1274 or possession of the United States, the District of Columbia, or a
1275 foreign country * * *;
1276 (d) Evidence of competence in English related to
1277 nursing, provided the first language is not English;
1278 (e) Any other official records required by the board.
1279 In addition to the requirements specified in paragraphs (a)
1280 through (e) of this subsection, in order to qualify for a license
1281 to practice practical nursing as a licensed practical nurse, an
1282 applicant must have successfully been cleared for licensure
1283 through an investigation that shall consist of a determination as
1284 to good moral character and verification that the prospective
1285 licensee is not guilty of or in violation of any statutory ground
1286 for denial of licensure as set forth in Section 73-15-29 or guilty



1287 of any offense specified in Section 73-15-33. To assist the board
1288 in conducting its licensure investigation, all applicants shall
1289 undergo a fingerprint-based criminal history records check of the
1290 Mississippi central criminal database and the Federal Bureau of
1291 Investigation criminal history database. Each applicant shall
1292 submit a full set of his or her fingerprints in a form and manner
1293 prescribed by the board, which shall be forwarded to the
1294 Mississippi Department of Public Safety (department) and the
1295 Federal Bureau of Investigation Identification Division for this
1296 purpose.

1297 Any and all state or national criminal history records
1298 information obtained by the board that is not already a matter of
1299 public record shall be deemed nonpublic and confidential
1300 information restricted to the exclusive use of the board, its
1301 members, officers, investigators, agents and attorneys in
1302 evaluating the applicant's eligibility or disqualification for
1303 licensure, and shall be exempt from the Mississippi Public Records
1304 Act of 1983. Except when introduced into evidence in a hearing
1305 before the board to determine licensure, no such information or
1306 records related thereto shall, except with the written consent of
1307 the applicant or by order of a court of competent jurisdiction, be
1308 released or otherwise disclosed by the board to any other person
1309 or agency.

1310 The board shall provide to the department the fingerprints of
1311 the applicant, any additional information that may be required by



1312 the department, and a form signed by the applicant consenting to
1313 the check of the criminal records and to the use of the
1314 fingerprints and other identifying information required by the
1315 state or national repositories.

1316 The board shall charge and collect from the applicant, in
1317 addition to all other applicable fees and costs, such amount as
1318 may be incurred by the board in requesting and obtaining state and
1319 national criminal history records information on the applicant.

1320 The board may, in its discretion, refuse to accept the
1321 application of any person who has been convicted of a criminal
1322 offense under any provision of Title 97 of the Mississippi Code of
1323 1972, as now or hereafter amended, or any provision of this
1324 article.

1325 (2) **Licensure by examination.** (a) Upon the board being
1326 satisfied that an applicant for a license as a practical nurse has
1327 met the qualifications set forth in subsection (1) of this
1328 section, the board shall proceed to examine such applicant in such
1329 subjects as the board shall, in its discretion, determine. The
1330 subjects in which applicants shall be examined shall be in
1331 conformity with curricula in schools of practical nursing approved
1332 by the State Department of Education.

1333 (b) The applicant shall be required to pass the written
1334 examination selected by the board.



1335 (c) Upon successful completion of such examination, the
1336 board shall issue to the applicant a license to practice as a
1337 licensed practical nurse.

1338 (d) The board may use any part or all of the state
1339 board test pool examination for practical nurse licensure, its
1340 successor examination, or any other nationally standardized
1341 examination identified by the board in its rules. The passing
1342 score shall be established by the board in its rules.

1343 (3) **Licensure by endorsement.** The board * * * shall issue a
1344 license to practice practical nursing as a licensed practical
1345 nurse without examination to an applicant who has been duly
1346 licensed as a licensed practical nurse under the laws of another
1347 state, territory or possession of the United States, the District
1348 of Columbia, or a foreign country * * *. The issuance of a
1349 license by endorsement to a military-trained applicant, military
1350 spouse or person who establishes residence in this state shall be
1351 subject to the provisions of Section 73-50-1 or 73-50-2, as
1352 applicable.

1353 (4) **Licensure by equivalent amount of theory and clinical**
1354 **experience.** In the discretion of the board, former students of a
1355 state-accredited school preparing students to become registered
1356 nurses may be granted permission to take the examination for
1357 licensure to practice as a licensed practical nurse, provided the
1358 applicant's record or transcript indicates the former student
1359 completed an equivalent amount of theory and clinical experiences



1360 as required of a graduate of a practical nursing program, and
1361 provided the school attended was, at the time of the student's
1362 attendance, an accredited school of nursing.

1363 (5) **Requirements for rewriting the examination.** The board
1364 shall establish in its rules the requirements for rewriting the
1365 examination for those persons failing the examination on the first
1366 writing or subsequent writing.

1367 (6) **Fee.** The applicant applying for a license by
1368 examination or by endorsement to practice as a licensed practical
1369 nurse shall pay a fee not to exceed Sixty Dollars (\$60.00) to the
1370 board.

1371 (7) **Temporary permit.** (a) The board may issue a temporary
1372 permit to practice practical nursing to a graduate of an approved
1373 school of practical nursing pending the results of the examination
1374 in Mississippi, and to a qualified applicant from another state,
1375 territory or possession of the United States, or the District of
1376 Columbia, pending licensing procedures as provided for elsewhere
1377 in this article. The fee shall not exceed Twenty-five Dollars
1378 (\$25.00).

1379 (b) The board * * * shall issue a temporary permit for
1380 a period of ninety (90) days to a licensed practical nurse who is
1381 currently licensed in another state, territory or possession of
1382 the United States or the District of Columbia and who is an
1383 applicant for licensure by endorsement. Such permit is not
1384 renewable except by board action. The issuance of a temporary



1385 permit to a military-trained applicant, military spouse or person
1386 who establishes residence in this state shall be subject to the
1387 provisions of Section 73-50-1 or 73-50-2, as applicable.

1388 (c) The board may issue a temporary permit to a
1389 graduate of an approved practical nursing education program or an
1390 equivalent program satisfactory to the board pending the results
1391 of the first licensing examination scheduled after application.
1392 Such permit is not renewable except by board action.

1393 (d) The board may issue a temporary permit for a period
1394 of thirty (30) days to any licensed practical nurse during the
1395 time enrolled in a nursing reorientation program. This time
1396 period may be extended by board action. The fee shall not exceed
1397 Twenty-five Dollars (\$25.00).

1398 (e) The board may adopt such regulations as are
1399 necessary to limit the practice of persons to whom temporary
1400 permits are issued.

1401 (8) **Title and abbreviation.** Any person who holds a license
1402 or holds the privilege to practice as a licensed practical nurse
1403 in this state shall have the right to use the title "licensed
1404 practical nurse" and the abbreviation "L.P.N." No other person
1405 shall assume such title or use such abbreviation, or any words,
1406 letters, signs or devices to indicate that a person using the same
1407 is a licensed practical nurse.

1408 (9) **Licensed practical nurses licensed under a previous law.**
1409 Any person holding a license to practice nursing as a practical



1410 nurse issued by this board which is valid on July 1, 1981, shall
1411 thereafter be deemed to be licensed as a practical nurse under the
1412 provisions of this article upon payment of the fee prescribed in
1413 Section 73-15-27.

1414 (10) Each application or filing made under this section
1415 shall include the social security number(s) of the applicant in
1416 accordance with Section 93-11-64.

1417 **SECTION 30.** Section 73-17-11, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
1418 amended as follows:

1419 73-17-11. (1) From and after July 1, 2011, in order to be
1420 eligible to be licensed as a nursing home administrator, an
1421 individual must submit evidence satisfactory to the board that he
1422 or she:

1423 (a) Is at least twenty-one (21) years of age;

1424 (b) Is of good moral character, including evidence of a
1425 criminal background check within the last six (6) months, under
1426 Section 43-11-13 and Section G.407.3 of the Minimum Standards for
1427 Institutions for the Aged or Infirm;

1428 (c) Is in good health;

1429 (d) Has satisfied at least one (1) of the following
1430 requirements for education and experience:

1431 (i) Has sixty-four (64) hours of college work from
1432 an accredited institution and has worked in a supervisory capacity
1433 in a Mississippi-licensed nursing home for a minimum of two (2)



1434 years immediately before making application for the
1435 Administrator-in-Training Program established by board rule;
1436 (ii) Has an associate degree from an accredited
1437 institution and has worked in a supervisory capacity in a
1438 Mississippi-licensed nursing home for a minimum of two (2) years
1439 immediately before making application for the
1440 Administrator-in-Training Program established by board rule;
1441 (iii) Has a bachelor's degree in any other field
1442 of study from an accredited institution before making application
1443 for the Administrator-in-Training Program established by board
1444 rule; or
1445 (iv) Has a bachelor's degree in health care
1446 administration or a health care related field or business from an
1447 accredited institution before making application for the
1448 Administrator-in-Training Program established by board rule;
1449 (e) Has (i) completed a nursing home
1450 Administrator-in-Training Program and successfully completed the
1451 National Association of Long-Term Care Administrator Board (NAB)
1452 examination, or (ii) completed an Administrator-in-Training
1453 Program in Long-Term Care Administration from an academic
1454 institution during which time the institution held National
1455 Association of Long-Term Care Administrator Board (NAB) Program
1456 Approval through the academic approval process, to the
1457 satisfaction of the board;



1458 (f) Has successfully passed the National Association of
1459 Long-Term Care Administrator Board (NAB) examination and the
1460 Mississippi State Board of Nursing Home Administrators examination
1461 to test his or her proficiency and basic knowledge in the area of
1462 nursing home administration. The board may establish the
1463 frequency of the offering of those examinations and the contents
1464 thereof; and

1465 (g) Has met all of the requirements established by
1466 federal law.

1467 (2) The board is authorized to conduct a criminal history
1468 records check on applicants for licensure. In order to determine
1469 the applicant's suitability for licensing, the applicant shall be
1470 fingerprinted. The board shall submit the fingerprints to the
1471 Department of Public Safety for a check of the state criminal
1472 records and forward to the Federal Bureau of Investigation for a
1473 check of the national criminal records. The Department of Public
1474 Safety shall disseminate the results of the state check and the
1475 national check to the board for a suitability determination. The
1476 applicant shall not be charged any of the costs of requesting and
1477 obtaining the state and national criminal history records
1478 information on the applicant.

1479 (3) Reciprocity shall be extended to individuals holding
1480 licenses as nursing home administrators in other states, upon
1481 proper application and a finding on the part of the board that:



1482 (a) The applicant possesses the basic qualifications
1483 listed in this chapter and in the rules and regulations adopted
1484 under federal law;

1485 (b) The applicant has met all of the requirements
1486 established by federal law; and

1487 (c) The * * * applicant has passed * * * the National
1488 Association of Long-Term Care Administrator Board (NAB) * * *.

1489 The issuance of a license by reciprocity to a
1490 military-trained applicant, military spouse or person who
1491 establishes residence in this state shall be subject to the
1492 provisions of Section 73-50-1 or 73-50-2, as applicable.

1493 (4) The board may prescribe appropriate fees for the taking
1494 of those examinations and for the issuance of licenses. Those
1495 fees shall be not more than the cost of the examinations and Five
1496 Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$550.00) for the issuance of a license.
1497 However, the fee for an initial license may be prorated in
1498 proportion to the period of time from the date of issuance and the
1499 date of biennial license renewal prescribed in subsection (5).
1500 All licenses issued under this chapter shall be for a maximum
1501 period of two (2) years.

1502 (5) Except as provided in Section 33-1-39, the board may
1503 renew licenses biennially upon the payment of a fee to be
1504 established by the board, which shall be not more than Five
1505 Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$550.00), plus any administrative costs for
1506 late payment.



1507 (6) Any person who is not licensed under this chapter on
1508 July 1, 2011, who makes application with the board on or before
1509 June 30, 2012, may qualify for a license under this chapter
1510 provided that on or before January 31, 2014, he or she
1511 demonstrates to the satisfaction of the board that he or she (a)
1512 meets the eligibility requirements for a nursing home
1513 administrator's license prescribed in this section as those
1514 requirements existed on June 30, 2011; (b) has successfully
1515 completed the Administrator-in-Training Program requirements
1516 existing on June 30, 2011; and (c) has paid all required fees for
1517 licensure.

1518 (7) Current licensure by the Department of Mental Health
1519 under Section 41-4-7(r) as a mental health/intellectual disability
1520 program administrator shall exempt the licensee from the
1521 requirement of licensure as a nursing home administrator if the
1522 licensee is employed in the state mental health system as
1523 Administrator of Intermediate Care Facility or Facilities for
1524 Persons with Intellectual Disabilities (ICF/ID) no larger than
1525 sixteen (16) beds.

1526 (8) Any member of the Legislature who serves on the Public
1527 Health and/or Medicaid Committee who is a licensed nursing home
1528 administrator shall be exempt from continuing education
1529 requirements for license renewal.

1530 **SECTION 31.** Section 73-19-25, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
1531 amended as follows:



1532 73-19-25. An applicant for a certificate of licensure who
1533 has been examined by the state board of another state * * *, on
1534 the payment of a fee of not more than Fifty Dollars (\$50.00) to
1535 the board and on filing in the office of the board a true and
1536 attested copy of the license, certified by the president or
1537 secretary of the state board issuing the same, * * * shall,
1538 without further examination, receive a certificate of licensure,
1539 provided that such applicant has not previously failed at an
1540 examination held by the board of this state. The issuance of a
1541 certificate of licensure by reciprocity to a military-trained
1542 applicant, military spouse or person who establishes residence in
1543 this state shall be subject to the provisions of Section 73-50-1
1544 or 73-50-2, as applicable.

1545 **SECTION 32.** Section 73-21-87, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
1546 amended as follows:

1547 73-21-87. (1) To obtain a license to engage in the practice
1548 of pharmacy by reciprocity or license transfer, the applicant
1549 shall:

1550 (a) Have submitted a written application on the form
1551 prescribed by the board;

1552 (b) Be of good moral character;

1553 (c) Have possessed at the time of initial licensure as
1554 a pharmacist such other qualifications necessary to have been
1555 eligible for licensure at that time in that state;



1556 (d) Have presented to the board proof that any license
1557 or licenses granted to the applicant by any other states have not
1558 been suspended, revoked, cancelled or otherwise restricted for any
1559 reason except nonrenewal or the failure to obtain required
1560 continuing education credits; and

1561 (e) Have paid all fees specified by the board for
1562 licensure.

1563 * * *

1564 (* * *2) The issuance of a license by reciprocity to a
1565 military-trained applicant, military spouse or person who
1566 establishes residence in this state shall be subject to the
1567 provisions of Section 73-50-1 or 73-50-2, as applicable.

1568 (* * *3) Each application or filing made under this section
1569 shall include the social security number(s) of the applicant in
1570 accordance with Section 93-11-64.

1571 **SECTION 33.** Section 73-23-53, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
1572 amended as follows:

1573 73-23-53. (1) A temporary license to practice as a physical
1574 therapist or physical therapist assistant may be granted to those
1575 persons meeting the requirements stated in Section 73-23-47 and
1576 who (a) have not taken the approved examination, or (b) have taken
1577 the approved examination but have not received the results of the
1578 examination. The temporary license shall be granted for a period
1579 not to exceed ninety (90) days. Any physical therapist granted a
1580 temporary license under the provisions of this subsection shall



1581 restrict his practice to the State of Mississippi and shall be
1582 under the direct supervision of a physical therapist licensed in
1583 Mississippi (physical therapy assistants shall be under the direct
1584 on-site supervision of a Mississippi licensed physical therapist).
1585 Documentation verifying the supervision shall be on file with the
1586 board before a temporary license is granted.

1587 (2) The board * * * shall provide for the issuance of a
1588 temporary license to a physical therapist or a physical therapist
1589 assistant licensed in another state who is moving into the state
1590 and has filed an application with the board for a permanent
1591 license in this state. This temporary license will be granted for
1592 a period not to exceed sixty (60) days. A physical therapist or a
1593 physical therapist assistant licensed in another state who is
1594 moving into the state shall not be required to take an examination
1595 in order to receive a license. The issuance of a temporary
1596 license to a military-trained applicant, military spouse or person
1597 who establishes residence in this state shall be subject to the
1598 provisions of Section 73-50-1 or 73-50-2, as applicable.

1599 (3) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (2), any
1600 person granted a temporary license who is required to take the
1601 approved examination and fails to take the exam as required by the
1602 board or does not pass the required exam shall have the temporary
1603 license automatically expire by operation of law and without
1604 further action of the board and no license of any type shall be
1605 issued until such person has passed an approved examination.



1606 (4) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (2), any
1607 person who has taken but not passed the required examination in
1608 this or another jurisdiction shall not be eligible for a license
1609 of any type until an approved examination is passed.

1610 (5) Any person who has been trained as a physical therapist
1611 or physical therapist assistant in a foreign country and desires
1612 to be temporarily licensed under this subsection shall, in
1613 addition to satisfying such other requirements established by the
1614 board, demonstrate proficiency in the English language and meet
1615 the other requirements of Section 73-23-51(2) before such
1616 temporary license shall be issued.

1617 (6) During a lawfully declared local, state or national
1618 disaster or emergency, the board may issue a temporary license to
1619 any otherwise qualified physical therapist or physical therapist
1620 assistant licensed and in good standing in another state or
1621 territory of the United States and who meets such other
1622 requirements as the board may prescribe by rule and regulation.

1623 **SECTION 34.** Section 73-30-15, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
1624 amended as follows:

1625 73-30-15. The board shall enter into a reciprocal agreement
1626 with any state which licenses counselors * * * without requiring
1627 an examination. The issuance of a license by reciprocity to a
1628 military-trained applicant, military spouse or person who
1629 establishes residence in this state shall be subject to the
1630 provisions of Section 73-50-1 or 73-50-2, as applicable.



1631 **SECTION 35.** Section 73-31-14, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
1632 amended as follows:

1633 73-31-14. (1) Psychologists who are duly licensed in other
1634 jurisdictions and not currently under investigation by another
1635 licensure board may, upon application for licensure, apply for a
1636 temporary license * * *. * * * Each applicant for a temporary
1637 license shall file an application upon a form and in the manner as
1638 the board prescribes, accompanied by a fee equal to the amount
1639 required for permanent licensure. A temporary license will lapse
1640 for any person who has * * * had his or her license suspended or
1641 revoked by the board. Procedures for the issuance of temporary
1642 licenses shall be established by the board in its rules and
1643 regulations. The issuance of a temporary license to a
1644 military-trained applicant, military spouse or person who
1645 establishes residence in this state shall be subject to the
1646 provisions of Section 73-50-1 or 73-50-2, as applicable.

1647 (2) Psychologists who are duly licensed in other
1648 jurisdictions may apply for a temporary practice certificate that
1649 allows them to practice psychology on a temporary basis in the
1650 State of Mississippi. That practice must be limited in scope and
1651 duration, not exceeding thirty (30) days during a consecutive
1652 twelve-month period. Applicants for a temporary practice
1653 certificate shall provide to the board the nature of the practice
1654 before providing that service, and shall make available to the
1655 board a current copy of his or her license or verification of a



1656 valid license in good standing. * * * This authority for a
1657 temporary practice certificate does not apply to a psychologist
1658 who has been denied licensure in Mississippi, is a legal resident
1659 of Mississippi, or intends to practice full-time or a major
1660 portion of their time in Mississippi. Each applicant for a
1661 temporary practice certificate shall file an application upon a
1662 form and in the manner as the board prescribes, accompanied by a
1663 fee in an amount determined by the board, but not to exceed Three
1664 Hundred Dollars (\$300.00).

1665 (3) Applicants awaiting licensure in Mississippi are
1666 prohibited from the practice of psychology without a temporary
1667 license issued by the board. For the purposes of this subsection,
1668 the practice of psychology shall be construed without regard to
1669 the means of service provision (e.g., face-to-face, telephone,
1670 Internet, telehealth).

1671 **SECTION 36.** Section 73-33-9, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
1672 amended as follows:

1673 73-33-9. The Mississippi State Board of Public
1674 Accountancy * * * shall issue a reciprocal certified public
1675 accountant license to practice to any holder of any certified
1676 public accountant's certificate or license issued under the law of
1677 another state, which shall entitle the holder to use the
1678 abbreviation, "CPA," in this state * * *. The fee for a license
1679 shall be in such reasonable amount as determined by the board.
1680 Such license shall not allow the holder thereof to engage in the



1681 practice of public accounting as a certified public accountant
1682 unless the holder meets the requirements of the Mississippi State
1683 Board of Public Accountancy; however, such requirements shall not
1684 include an examination. This section shall apply only to a person
1685 who wishes to obtain a license issued by the State of Mississippi
1686 and shall not apply to those persons practicing in this state
1687 under Section 73-33-17. The issuance of a license by reciprocity
1688 to a military-trained applicant, military spouse or person who
1689 establishes residence in this state shall be subject to the
1690 provisions of Section 73-50-1 or 73-50-2, as applicable.

1691 **SECTION 37.** Section 73-34-51, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
1692 amended as follows:

1693 73-34-51. (1) Each applicant for licensure under this
1694 chapter who is not a resident of this state shall submit, with his
1695 application, an irrevocable consent that legal action arising out
1696 of his activities as a real estate appraiser in this state may be
1697 commenced against him in the proper court of any county of this
1698 state in which a cause of action may arise or in which the
1699 plaintiff may reside by service of process or pleading authorized
1700 by laws of this state, by the Secretary of State, or by the
1701 Administrator of the Mississippi Real Estate Commission. The
1702 consent shall stipulate that the service of process or pleading
1703 shall be taken in all courts to be valid and binding as if
1704 personal service had been made upon the nonresident licensee in
1705 this state. The consent shall be duly acknowledged. Every



1706 nonresident licensee shall consent to have any hearings conducted
1707 by the board pursuant to Section 73-34-35 at a place designated by
1708 the board.

1709 (2) Any service of process or pleading shall be served on
1710 the Administrator of the Mississippi Real Estate Commission by
1711 filing duplicate copies, one (1) of which shall be filed in the
1712 office of the board and the other forwarded by certified mail to
1713 the last-known principal address of the nonresident licensee
1714 against whom the process or pleading is directed.

1715 (3) * * * An applicant for licensure in this state who is
1716 licensed under the law of * * * another state, territory or
1717 district * * * shall be authorized to obtain a license as a real
1718 estate appraiser in this state * * * provided that disciplinary
1719 proceedings are not pending against such applicant in his state of
1720 licensure. The issuance of a license by reciprocity to a
1721 military-trained applicant, military spouse or person who
1722 establishes residence in this state shall be subject to the
1723 provisions of Section 73-50-1 or 73-50-2, as applicable.

1724 **SECTION 38.** Section 73-36-31, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
1725 amended as follows:

1726 73-36-31. A person not a resident of and having no
1727 established place of business in Mississippi, or who has recently
1728 become a resident, may use the title of registered forester in
1729 Mississippi, provided * * * that such person is legally licensed
1730 as a registered forester in his own state or county and has



1731 submitted evidence to the board that he is so licensed * * *.
1732 Each person seeking the privileges of reciprocity granted under
1733 this chapter shall submit his application to the board and must
1734 receive a card or certificate from the board before exercising
1735 such privileges. The fee for obtaining a license through
1736 reciprocity shall be the same as charged a Mississippi licensee.
1737 The issuance of a license by reciprocity to a military-trained
1738 applicant, military spouse or person who establishes residence in
1739 this state shall be subject to the provisions of Section 73-50-1
1740 or 73-50-2, as applicable.

1741 **SECTION 39.** Section 73-39-71, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
1742 amended as follows:

1743 73-39-71. (1) The board * * * shall issue a license by
1744 endorsement to an applicant who furnishes satisfactory proof that
1745 he is a graduate of an accredited college of veterinary medicine
1746 or the educational equivalence. The applicant must also show that
1747 he is a person of good moral character and is licensed to practice
1748 veterinary medicine in at least one (1) state, territory or
1749 district of the United States and has practiced veterinary
1750 medicine in one or more of those states without disciplinary
1751 action by any state or federal agency for at least the three (3)
1752 years immediately before filing the application.

1753 * * *

1754 (* * *2) The issuance of a license by endorsement to a
1755 military-trained applicant, military spouse or person who



1756 establishes residence in this state shall be subject to the
1757 provisions of Section 73-50-1 or 73-50-2, as applicable.

1758 **SECTION 40.** Section 73-53-13, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
1759 amended as follows:

1760 73-53-13. The board shall issue the appropriate license to
1761 applicants who meet the qualifications of this section.

1762 (a) A license as a "licensed social worker" shall be
1763 issued to an applicant who demonstrates to the satisfaction of the
1764 board that he or she meets the following qualifications:

1765 (i) Has a baccalaureate degree in social work from
1766 a college or university accredited by the Council on Social Work
1767 Education or Southern Association of Colleges and Schools and has
1768 satisfactorily completed the Association for Social Work Boards
1769 (ASWB) examination for this license; or

1770 (ii) Has a * * * license or registration from
1771 another state or territory of the United States of America * * *.

1772 (b) A license as a "licensed master's social worker"
1773 shall be issued to an applicant who demonstrates to the
1774 satisfaction of the board that he or she meets the following
1775 qualifications:

1776 (i) Has a doctorate or master's degree from a
1777 school of social work accredited by the Council on Social Work
1778 Education; and

1779 (ii) Has satisfactorily completed the ASWB
1780 examination for this license; or



1781 (iii) Has a * * * license or registration from
1782 another state or territory of the United States of America * * *.

1783 (c) A license as a "licensed certified social worker"
1784 shall be issued to an applicant who demonstrates to the
1785 satisfaction of the board that he or she meets the following
1786 qualifications:

1787 (i) Is licensed under this section as a "master's
1788 social worker"; and

1789 (ii) Has twenty-four (24) months of professional
1790 supervision and clinical or macro social work practice experience
1791 acceptable to the board, under appropriate supervision; and

1792 (iii) Has satisfactorily completed the ASWB
1793 examination for this license; or

1794 (iv) Has a * * * license or registration from
1795 another state or territory of the United States of America * * *.

1796 (d) In addition to the above qualifications, an
1797 applicant for any of the above licenses must prove to the board's
1798 satisfaction:

1799 (i) Age of at least twenty-one (21) years, and

1800 (ii) Good moral character, which is a continuing
1801 requirement for licensure, and

1802 (iii) United States of America citizenship or
1803 status as a legal resident alien, and

1804 (iv) Absence of conviction of a felony related to
1805 the practice of social work for the last ten (10) years.



1806 Conviction, as used in this subparagraph, includes a deferred
1807 conviction, deferred prosecution, deferred sentence, finding or
1808 verdict of guilt, an admission of guilty, or a plea of nolo
1809 contendere, and

1810 (v) That the applicant has not been declared
1811 mentally incompetent by any court, and if any such decree has ever
1812 been rendered, that the decree has since been changed, and

1813 (vi) Freedom from dependency on alcohol or drugs,
1814 and

1815 (vii) Complete criminal history records check,
1816 including a fingerprint and an acceptable sex offender check, by
1817 appropriate governmental authorities as prescribed by the board.

1818 (e) Only individuals licensed as "certified social
1819 workers" shall be permitted to call themselves "clinical social
1820 workers."

1821 The issuance of a license by reciprocity to a
1822 military-trained applicant, military spouse or person who
1823 establishes residence in this state shall be subject to the
1824 provisions of Section 73-50-1 or 73-50-2, as applicable.

1825 Each application or filing made under this section shall
1826 include the social security number(s) of the applicant in
1827 accordance with Section 93-11-64.

1828 **SECTION 41.** Section 73-60-25, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
1829 amended as follows:



1830 73-60-25. A home inspector license * * * shall be issued to
1831 a home inspector from another state who satisfies one (1) of the
1832 following requirements: (a) holds a valid certificate of
1833 certification, registration or home inspector license in good
1834 standing issued by another state * * *, or (b) has passed the
1835 examination offered by the American Society of Home Inspectors or
1836 the National Association of Home Inspectors. The issuance of a
1837 license by reciprocity to a military-trained applicant, military
1838 spouse or person who establishes residence in this state shall be
1839 subject to the provisions of Section 73-50-1 or 73-50-2, as
1840 applicable.

1841 **SECTION 42.** Section 73-63-39, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
1842 amended as follows:

1843 73-63-39. (1) The board * * * shall sign agreements with
1844 boards of registration, licensure or certification in other
1845 states, and with other appropriate organizations and agencies, for
1846 the purposes of:

- 1847 (a) Developing uniform standards for registration of
1848 professional geologists or enrollment of geologists-in-training;
1849 (b) Accrediting educational programs;
1850 (c) Establishing reciprocity, comity, temporary
1851 registration, or mutual recognition of registration or enrollment;
1852 (d) Developing regional or national examinations;
1853 (e) Evaluating applicants; or
1854 (f) Other purposes consistent with this chapter.



1855 (2) Any person holding a valid certificate of registration,
1856 licensure or certification for the practice of geology or a
1857 recognized specialty of geology, issued under the laws of any
1858 state or territory or possession of the United States, or any
1859 foreign country, shall be eligible for registration, without
1860 examination. The board * * * shall issue a certificate of
1861 registration to any person who has made application, provided
1862 proof of registration, licensure or certification * * * and paid
1863 all applicable fees. The issuance of a certificate of
1864 registration by reciprocity to a military-trained applicant,
1865 military spouse or person who establishes residence in this state
1866 shall be subject to the provisions of Section 73-50-1 or 73-50-2,
1867 as applicable.

1868 **SECTION 43.** Section 73-69-11, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
1869 amended as follows:

1870 73-69-11. (1) Any person employed by an alarm contracting
1871 company shall hold an individual license issued by the State Fire
1872 Marshal. Such license shall authorize its holder to engage in
1873 alarm contracting, only to the extent of the terms as further
1874 provided in this chapter.

1875 (2) Such application shall be accompanied by:

1876 (a) Two (2) suitable photographs of the applicant
1877 acceptable to the State Fire Marshal. The State Fire Marshal
1878 shall keep one (1) photograph on file and shall make the other



1879 photograph a part of any license subsequently issued to the
1880 applicant.

1881 (b) Documentation that the applicant meets educational
1882 requirements applicable to the type of license for which he is
1883 applying, as follows:

1884 (i) For a Class B license: a minimum of
1885 Electronic Security Association, Level 2 A and Level 2 B Burglar
1886 Alarm training course or the Electronic Security Association, Fire
1887 Alarm Installation Methods and Advanced Intrusion Systems training
1888 courses, or equivalent training approved by the State Fire
1889 Marshal, and documentation proving residency within a radius of
1890 one hundred fifty (150) miles of the office to which he is
1891 assigned.

1892 (ii) For a Class C license: a minimum of
1893 Electronic Security Association Level 1 Certified Alarm/Security
1894 Technician training course, or equivalent training approved by the
1895 State Fire Marshal.

1896 (iii) For a Class D license: a minimum of
1897 Electronic Security Association, Understanding Electronic Security
1898 Systems training course, or equivalent training approved by the
1899 State Fire Marshal.

1900 (iv) For a Class H license: application a Class B
1901 or Class C license holder that they will provide direct
1902 supervision of the Class H licensee.



1903 (c) (i) A statement by the applicant that he has not
1904 been convicted of a felony, received a first-time offender pardon
1905 for a felony, or entered a plea of guilty or nolo contendere to a
1906 felony charge. A felony that has been dismissed pursuant to the
1907 Mississippi Criminal Code or equivalent judicial dismissal shall
1908 not apply to this paragraph.

1909 (ii) A conviction or a plea of guilty or nolo
1910 contendere to a felony charge or receipt of a first-time offender
1911 pardon shall not constitute an automatic disqualification as
1912 otherwise required pursuant to subparagraph (i) if ten (10) or
1913 more years have elapsed between the date of application and the
1914 successful completion or service of any sentence, deferred
1915 adjudication or period of probation or parole.

1916 (iii) Subparagraph (ii) shall not apply to any
1917 person convicted of a felony crime of violence or a sex offense as
1918 defined within the Mississippi Criminal Code.

1919 (d) The State Fire Marshal shall have the authority to
1920 conduct criminal history verification on a local, state or
1921 national level. Beginning on July 1, 2014, in order to assist the
1922 Office of the State Fire Marshal in determining an applicant's
1923 suitability for a license under this chapter, an applicant shall
1924 submit a set of fingerprints with the submission of an application
1925 for license. The Office of the State Fire Marshal shall forward
1926 the fingerprints to the Department of Public Safety for the
1927 purpose of conducting a criminal history record check. If no



1928 disqualifying record is identified at the state level, the
1929 fingerprints shall be forwarded by the Department of Public Safety
1930 to the Federal Bureau of Investigation for a national criminal
1931 history record check. Fees related to the criminal history record
1932 check shall be paid by the applicant to the State Fire Marshal and
1933 the monies from such fees shall be deposited in the special fund
1934 in the State Treasury designated as the Electronic Protection
1935 Licensing Fund.

1936 (e) The application fee authorized by this chapter.

1937 (3) The State Fire Marshal shall have the authority to
1938 determine if information submitted by an applicant is in a form
1939 acceptable to him. The State Fire Marshal shall verify or have
1940 another entity verify information submitted by each applicant.

1941 (4) If the State Fire Marshal finds that an applicant has
1942 met the applicable requirements of the alarm licensing law, he
1943 shall issue the appropriate type of license to the applicant upon
1944 payment of the license fee authorized by this chapter.

1945 (5) Each individual license holder shall maintain his
1946 license on his person while engaging in any type of alarm
1947 contracting as applicable. Each such license holder shall present
1948 his license for inspection upon demand by an employee of the
1949 Office of the State Fire Marshal or a law enforcement officer.

1950 (6) Each individual license holder shall notify the State
1951 Fire Marshal, on a form specified and provided by the State Fire
1952 Marshal, within ten (10) days of the following:



1953 (a) Any change in business or home address.

1954 (b) Any separation from an employer or change in
1955 employer.

1956 (c) Any conviction for a felony or entry of a plea of
1957 guilty or nolo contendere to a felony charge or receipt of a
1958 first-time offender pardon.

1959 (7) No individual licensed under this chapter shall contract
1960 for his services as an independent contractor or agent without
1961 applying for and being issued a Class A license per Section
1962 73-69-9. No alarm contracting company shall contract for the
1963 independent services of a holder of an individual license under
1964 this section.

1965 (8) The State Fire Marshal * * * shall enter into reciprocal
1966 agreements with other states for mutual recognition of individual
1967 license holders, if the State Fire Marshal has established the
1968 criteria for acceptance of reciprocal agreements by rule or
1969 regulation. Such reciprocal agreements shall not include the
1970 requirement of an examination in order to receive a license. The
1971 issuance of a license by reciprocity to a military-trained
1972 applicant, military spouse or person who establishes residence in
1973 this state shall be subject to the provisions of Section 73-50-1
1974 or 73-50-2, as applicable.

1975 (9) If the action by the State Fire Marshal is to nonrenew
1976 or to deny an application for license, the State Fire Marshal
1977 shall notify the applicant or licensee and advise, in writing, the



1978 applicant or licensee of the reason for the denial or nonrenewal
1979 of the applicant's or licensee's license. The applicant or
1980 licensee may make written demand upon the State Fire Marshal
1981 within ten (10) days for a hearing before the State Fire Marshal
1982 to determine the reasonableness of the State Fire Marshal's
1983 action. The hearing shall be held within thirty (30) days.

1984 **SECTION 44.** Section 73-73-11, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
1985 amended as follows:

1986 73-73-11. The board and IDAC * * * shall accept applications
1987 for Mississippi certification from an interior designer in another
1988 jurisdiction pursuant to Section 73-73-7 or 73-73-9. The issuance
1989 of a certification by reciprocity to a military-trained applicant,
1990 military spouse or person who establishes residence in this state
1991 shall be subject to the provisions of Section 73-50-1 or 73-50-2,
1992 as applicable.

1993 **SECTION 45.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
1994 and after July 1, 2022.

