

Governor Little proposes elimination of 10 regulatory programs in occupational licensing

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Boise, Idaho – Governor Brad Little announced the proposed elimination of 10 outdated regulatory programs in the state’s occupational licensing rules, as part of the implementation of one of his executive orders.

“I am deeply committed to reducing regulations and cleaning up outdated laws that only serve to confuse and burden Idaho citizens and businesses,” Governor Brad Little said. “This latest step demonstrates my administration’s progress in working with the Legislature to deliver on that promise.”

The license types are proposed for elimination as part of Governor Little’s [Executive Order 2019-01](#), the Licensing Freedom Act of 2019. Under the law, the Governor’s Division of Financial Management (DFM) must review no fewer than five occupational regulatory programs to determine if continuation of the programs is in the public interest.

In a report required under the act, DFM Administrator Alex Adams wrote that 10 license types were identified for elimination, ranging from cemetarians and athlete agents to weighmasters and salespersons of used manufactured homes.

DFM collaborated with the Occupational Licensing and Certification Laws Interim Committee in the review. Senator Todd Lakey and Representative Gayann DeMordaunt co-chair the interim committee, which the Legislature authorized to undertake and complete a study of occupational licensing and certification laws in Idaho. DFM will continue to work closely with the committee in implementing the Governor’s executive order.

“I appreciate the partnership we have with Governor Little in our latest efforts to limit new regulation, reduce existing regulation and make sure prior a criminal conviction is relevant to the occupational license sought by an individual,” Senator Todd Lakey said.

“Reducing barriers to good-paying jobs assures continued economic growth and opportunity for all Idahoans,” Representative DeMordaunt said.

The proposed changes will be considered by the Idaho Legislature in 2020.