

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HOUSE BILL NO. 621

BY WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE

AN ACT

1 RELATING TO OCCUPATIONAL LICENSING REFORM; AMENDING CHAPTER 94, TITLE 67,
2 IDAHO CODE, BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SECTION 67-9408, IDAHO CODE, TO
3 ESTABLISH PROVISIONS REGARDING APPRENTICESHIPS FOR LICENSING REQUIRE-
4 MENTS AND TO DEFINE A TERM.
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6 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Idaho:

7 SECTION 1. That Chapter 94, Title 67, Idaho Code, be, and the same is
8 hereby amended by the addition thereto of a NEW SECTION, to be known and des-
9 ignated as Section 67-9408, Idaho Code, and to read as follows:

10 67-9408. TREATMENT OF APPRENTICESHIPS FOR LICENSING PURPOSES. (1) The
11 purpose of this section is to allow individuals to work and earn a paycheck
12 while also fulfilling licensing requirements and gaining the necessary
13 skills to fill the needs of an expanding workforce.

14 (2) As used in this section, the term "apprenticeship" means an on-the-
15 job learning program in an occupation that:

16 (a) Involves skills that are customarily learned in a practical way
17 through a structured, systematic program of on-the-job supervised
18 learning;

19 (b) Requires skills that are clearly identified and commonly recog-
20 nized throughout an industry;

21 (c) Involves the progressive attainment of manual, mechanical, or
22 technical skills and knowledge that, in accordance with the industry
23 standard for the occupation, would require the completion of at least
24 two thousand (2,000) hours of on-the-job learning to attain; and

25 (d) Requires related instruction to supplement the on-the-job learn-
26 ing.

27 (3) A licensing authority shall grant a license to any applicant who:

28 (a) Completes an apprenticeship in the licensed occupation;

29 (b) Passes the relevant examination, if required by the licensing au-
30 thority;

31 (c) Pays any fees required by the licensing authority; and

32 (d) Completes any related instruction required to supplement on-the-
33 job learning.

34 (4) A licensing authority shall use the same passing score for exami-
35 nations of applicants under this chapter that are used for applicants under
36 the standard licensing processes. If the relevant licensing authority or
37 statute does not require an examination for the standard licensing process,
38 no examination shall be required for applicants who obtain licensure through
39 an apprenticeship.

40 (5) A licensing authority shall use the same licensing fee for appli-
41 cants under this chapter that are used for applicants under the standard li-
42 censing processes. If the relevant licensing authority does not require a

1 fee for the standard licensing process for an occupation, no fee shall be re-
2 quired for applicants who obtain licensure through an apprenticeship.

3 (6) Apprenticeships for an occupation shall not be required to exceed
4 the number of hours required by the relevant licensing authority or statute
5 for that occupation.

6 (7) Licensing authorities shall work with relevant agencies, including
7 the state department of education, the workforce development council, and
8 career technical education to ensure that apprenticeship opportunities are
9 made available to secondary and postsecondary students.