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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HOUSE BILL NO. 490

BY HEALTH AND WELFARE COMMITTEE

AN ACT

RELATING TO THE DIVISION OF OCCUPATIONAL AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSES; AMEND-ING SECTION 54-1401, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE PROVISIONS REGARDING CRIMI-NAL HISTORY CHECKS AND TO MAKE TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS; AMENDING SECTION 54-1718, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE PROVISIONS REGARDING CRIMINAL HISTORY CHECKS AND TO MAKE TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS; AMENDING SECTION 54-1729A, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE PROVISIONS REGARDING CRIMINAL HISTORY CHECKS; AMENDING SECTION 54-1807A, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE PROVISIONS REGARDING CRIMINAL HISTORY CHECKS AND TO MAKE TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS; AMENDING SECTION 54-1810, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE PROVISIONS REGARDING CRIMINAL HISTORY CHECKS AND TO MAKE TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS; AMENDING SECTION 54-1810A, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE PROVISIONS REGARDING CRIMINAL HISTORY CHECKS AND TO MAKE A TECHNICAL CORRECTION; AMENDING SECTION 54-1811, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE PROVISIONS REGARDING CRIMINAL HISTORY CHECKS AND TO MAKE TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS; AMENDING SECTION 54-2012, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE PROVISIONS REGARDING CRIMINAL HISTORY CHECKS AND TO MAKE TECHNI-CAL CORRECTIONS; AMENDING SECTION 54-2108, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE PRO-VISIONS REGARDING CRIMINAL HISTORY CHECKS; AMENDING SECTION 54-2912, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE PROVISIONS REGARDING CRIMINAL HISTORY CHECKS AND TO MAKE A TECHNICAL CORRECTION; AMENDING SECTION 54-2913, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE PROVISIONS REGARDING CRIMINAL HISTORY CHECKS AND TO MAKE A TECHNICAL CORRECTION; AMENDING SECTION 54-3405, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE FOR THE SUBMISSION OF A FINGERPRINT-BASED CRIMINAL HISTORY BACKGROUND CHECK AND TO MAKE TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS; AMENDING SECTION 54-3405A, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE FOR THE SUBMISSION OF A FINGERPRINT-BASED CRIM-INAL HISTORY BACKGROUND CHECK; AMENDING SECTION 54-3405B, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE FOR THE SUBMISSION OF A FINGERPRINT-BASED CRIMINAL HIS-TORY BACKGROUND CHECK AND TO MAKE A TECHNICAL CORRECTION; AMENDING SECTION 54-3405C, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE FOR THE SUBMISSION OF A FINGER-PRINT-BASED CRIMINAL HISTORY BACKGROUND CHECK AND TO MAKE A TECHNICAL CORRECTION; AMENDING SECTION 54-4106, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE PROVISIONS REGARDING CRIMINAL HISTORY CHECKS AND TO MAKE TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS; AMENDING SECTION 54-4126, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE PROVISIONS REGARDING CRIMINAL HISTORY CHECKS AND TO MAKE TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS; AMENDING SECTION 54-4132, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE PROVISIONS REGARDING CRIMI-NAL HISTORY CHECKS; AMENDING SECTION 54-5106, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE PROVISIONS REGARDING CRIMINAL HISTORY CHECKS, TO REMOVE A PROVISION RE-GARDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE, AND TO MAKE TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS; AMENDING SECTION 54-5405, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE PROVISIONS REGARDING CRIMINAL HISTORY CHECKS AND TO MAKE A TECHNICAL CORRECTION; AMENDING SECTION 54-5406, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE PROVISIONS REGARDING CRIMINAL HISTORY CHECKS AND TO MAKE TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS; AMENDING SECTION 67-2604, IDAHO CODE, TO AUTHORIZE THE ADMINISTRATOR OF THE DIVISION OF OCCUPA-TIONAL AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSES TO REQUIRE CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECKS OF APPLICANTS FOR PROFESSIONAL LICENSES AND TO MAKE A TECHNICAL COR-

RECTION; AMENDING CHAPTER 94, TITLE 67, IDAHO CODE, BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SECTION 67-9411A, IDAHO CODE, TO AUTHORIZE THE ADMINISTRATOR OF THE DIVISION OF OCCUPATIONAL AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSES TO REQUIRE APPLICANTS FOR PROFESSIONAL LICENSES TO PROVIDE CERTAIN INFORMATION AND FINGERPRINTS FOR THE PURPOSES OF CONDUCTING CRIMINAL HISTORY AND BACKGROUND CHECKS; PROVIDING SEVERABILITY; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Idaho:

 SECTION 1. That Section 54-1401, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:

- 54-1401. PURPOSE -- LICENSE REQUIRED -- REPRESENTATION TO THE PUBLIC. In order to safeguard the public health, safety and welfare, it is in the public interest to regulate and control nursing in the state of Idaho, to promote quality health care services, to prohibit unqualified and dishonest persons from practicing nursing, and to protect against acts or conduct which that may endanger the health and safety of the public.
- (1) License required. It shall be unlawful for any person to practice nursing or offer to practice nursing unless that person is duly licensed pursuant to this chapter.
- (2) Representation to the public. Only a person who holds a valid and current license to practice registered nursing in this state or a party state pursuant to sections 54-1408 and 54-1418, Idaho Code, may use the title "nurse," "registered nurse," "graduate nurse" or "professional nurse" or the abbreviation "R.N." "RN" or any other designations, titles or abbreviations to indicate that the person is practicing nursing in this state. Only a person who holds a valid and current license to practice practical nursing in this state or a party state pursuant to sections 54-1407 and 54-1418, Idaho Code, may use the title "nurse," "licensed practical nurse," or the abbreviation "L.P.N." "LPN" or any other designations, titles or abbreviations to indicate that the person is practicing nursing in this state.
- (3) All applicants for original licensure and for license reinstatement shall submit to a fingerprint-based criminal history check of both the Idaho central criminal database and the federal bureau of investigation criminal history database. All such applicants shall submit a full set of their fingerprints and any relevant fees directly to the Idaho board of nursing for forwarding to the appropriate law enforcement agency for processing. Criminal background reports received by the board from the Idaho state police and the federal bureau of investigation shall be used only for licensing decisions and handled and disposed of in a manner consistent with requirements imposed by the Idaho state police and the federal bureau of investigation in accordance with section 67-9411A, Idaho Code.
- SECTION 2. That Section 54-1718, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 54-1718. LICENSURE AND DISCIPLINE. (1) The board of pharmacy shall be responsible for the control and regulation of the practice of pharmacy in this state, including, but not limited to, the following:

- (a) The licensing by examination or by reciprocity of applicants who are qualified to engage in the practice of pharmacy under the provisions of this chapter;
- (b) The renewal of licenses to engage in the practice of pharmacy;

- (c) The determination and issuance of standards for recognition and approval of schools and colleges of pharmacy whose graduates shall be eligible for licensure in this state, and the specification and enforcement of requirements for practical training, including internship;
- (d) The enforcement of the provisions of this chapter relating to the conduct or competence of pharmacists practicing in this state, and the suspension, revocation or restriction of licenses to practice pharmacy; \underline{and}
- (e) The regulation of the training, qualifications and employment of pharmacist interns.
- (2) The board of pharmacy shall require the following applicants to submit to a fingerprint-based criminal history check of the Idaho central criminal history database and the federal bureau of investigation criminal history database in accordance with section 67-9411A, Idaho Code:
 - (a) Original applicants for a certificate, unless exempted by board rule; and
- (b) Applicants for reinstatement of a certificate. Each applicant shall submit a completed ten (10) finger fingerprint card or scan to the board of pharmacy at the time of application and shall pay the cost of the criminal history check.
- SECTION 3. That Section 54-1729A, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 54-1729A. WHOLESALE DRUG DISTRIBUTOR -- LICENSURE. (1) In addition to meeting federal requirements, every business entity that engages in the wholesale distribution of prescription drugs in or into Idaho must be licensed by the board as a wholesale distributor except:
 - (a) Manufacturers distributing their own federal food and drug administration-approved drugs and devices, including distribution of prescription drug samples by manufacturers' representatives and intracompany sales, meaning any transaction or transfer between any division, subsidiary, parent, or affiliated or related company under common ownership and control of a corporate entity or any transfer between colicensees of a colicensed product, unless particular requirements are deemed necessary and appropriate following rulemaking;
 - (b) An entity that donates prescription drugs, when conducted in accordance with sections 54-1760 through 54-1765, Idaho Code;
 - (c) A pharmacy distributing in accordance with section 54-1732, Idaho Code; and
 - (d) Persons selling, purchasing, distributing, trading, or transferring a prescription drug for emergency medical reasons.
- (2) The board shall not issue a wholesale distributor license to an applicant unless the board determines that the designated representative meets the following qualifications:
 - (a) Is actively involved in and aware of the actual daily operation of the wholesale distributor; and

- (b) Is physically present at the facility of the applicant during regular business hours, except when the absence of the designated representative is authorized, including but not limited to sick leave and vacation leave.
- (3) All applicant-designated representatives shall submit to a fingerprint-based criminal history check of the Idaho central criminal history database and the federal bureau of investigation criminal history database. Each applicant shall submit a completed ten (10) finger fingerprint card or scan to the board of pharmacy at the time of application and shall pay the cost of the criminal history check in accordance with section 67-9411A, Idaho Code.
- (4) A wholesale distributor shall have adequate processes in place for monitoring purchase activity of customers and identifying suspicious ordering patterns that indicate potential diversion or criminal activity related to controlled substances such as orders of unusual size, orders deviating substantially from a normal pattern, orders for drugs that are outside of the prescriber's scope of practice, or orders of unusual frequency.
- (5) The board may adopt rules to approve an accreditation body to evaluate a wholesaler's operations to determine compliance with professional standards and any other applicable laws and to perform inspections of each facility and location where wholesale distribution operations are conducted by the wholesaler.

SECTION 4. That Section 54-1807A, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:

- 54-1807A. PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS -- PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT ADVISORY COM-MITTEE. (1) Physician assistants must be licensed by the board prior to the commencement of activities which that may involve the practice of medicine in this state. The licensure requirements for physician assistants shall include passage of an examination acceptable to the board and submission of a completed application to the board on forms furnished by the board. All applicants for original licensure as a physician assistant shall submit to a fingerprint-based criminal history check of the Idaho central criminal database and the federal bureau of investigation criminal history database. Each applicant shall submit a full set of the applicant's fingerprints on forms supplied by the board which shall be forwarded by the board to the Idaho department of law enforcement and to the federal bureau of investigation identification division. The board shall fix a license fee in accordance with section 67-9411A, Idaho Code. All physician assistants shall renew their licenses annually or biannually.
- (2) A physician assistant may practice at a licensed health care facility, a facility with a credentialing and privileging system, a physician-owned facility or practice, or another facility or practice allowed by this chapter. A physician assistant shall collaborate with, consult with, or refer to the appropriate member of the facility health care team as indicated by: the condition of the patient; the education, experience, and competence of the physician assistant; and the community standard of care. The degree and nature of collaboration shall be determined by the facility or practice in which the physician assistant works and shall be set forth in facility bylaws or procedures for facilities that have credentialing and privileging

systems or in a written collaborative practice agreement for all other facilities and practices. Such provisions may provide for collaborative oversight to be provided by the employer, group, hospital service, or the credentialing and privileging systems of a licensed facility, but at a minimum shall require a physician assistant to collaborate with one (1) or more physicians licensed pursuant to this chapter. Such physicians need not be identified individually in the facility bylaws or procedures or collaborative practice agreement if more than one (1) physician works in the facility or practice. A physician assistant is responsible for the care provided by the physician assistant and is responsible for obtaining professional liability insurance if the physician assistant is not covered by the facility or practice in which the physician assistant works. A physician assistant may be employed by nonphysician health care providers if the physician assistant has a written collaborative practice agreement with one (1) or more physicians licensed pursuant to this chapter. Both the physician assistant and the physician who are parties to a collaborative practice agreement must comply with all requirements of this chapter and board rules. The collaborative practice agreement shall be provided to the board upon request.

- (3) A physician assistant or a group of physician assistants may independently own a medical practice in this state provided that each physician assistant has a collaborative practice agreement in place with a physician licensed under this chapter. The collaborative practice agreement shall specify that the physician assistant must collaborate with, consult with, or refer to the collaborating physician or another appropriate physician as indicated by: the condition of the patient; the education, experience, and competence of the physician assistant; and the community standard of care. Both the physician assistant and the physician who are parties to the collaborative practice agreement must comply with all requirements of this chapter and board rules. The collaborative practice agreement shall be provided to the board upon request. Each physician assistant must be licensed, registered or certified as a physician assistant in any state, territory or jurisdiction of the United States for at least two (2) years before the physician assistant may independently own a practice in this state.
- (4) The facility or practice and each collaborating physician are responsible for ensuring that the medical services performed by the physician assistant are within the physician assistant's scope of education, experience, and competence. Each collaborating physician shall collaborate with the physician assistant on the performance of only those medical services for which the collaborating physician has training and experience.
- (5) A physician assistant advisory committee is hereby established as follows:
 - (a) The physician assistant advisory committee shall consist of five (5) members appointed by the board. Four (4) members shall be physician assistants who are residents in this state and engaged in the active practice of medicine in this state, and one (1) member shall be a public member. Whenever a term of a member of the advisory committee expires or becomes vacant, the board shall give consideration to recommendations made by professional organizations of physician assistants and physicians, and or by any individual residing in the state. The board may remove any committee member for misconduct, incompetency or neglect

 of duty after giving the member a written statement of the charges and an opportunity to be heard thereon. The executive director of the Idaho state board of medicine shall serve as the executive director to the physician assistant advisory committee.

- (b) Members will serve a term of three (3) years and terms will be staggered. Members may serve two (2) successive terms. The committee shall elect a chairman from its membership. The committee shall meet as often as necessary to fulfill its responsibilities. Members will be compensated according to section 59-509(p), Idaho Code.
- (c) The physician assistant advisory committee shall not have authority to revoke licenses or impose limitations or conditions on licenses issued pursuant to this chapter. The committee has authority to make recommendations to the board. The board shall make all final decisions with respect thereto.
- (d) The physician assistant advisory committee shall work in the following areas in conjunction with and make recommendations to the board and shall perform other duties and functions assigned to it by the board, including:
 - (i) Evaluating the qualifications of applicants for licensure and registration;
 - (ii) Performing investigations of misconduct and making recommendations regarding discipline;
 - (iii) Maintaining a list of currently licensed physician assistants and graduate physician assistants in this state; and
 - (iv) Advising the board on rule changes necessary to license and regulate physician assistants and graduate physician assistants in this state.

SECTION 5. That Section 54-1810, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:

- 54-1810. PHYSICIAN LICENSURE BY WRITTEN EXAMINATION. Any person seeking to be licensed to practice medicine or osteopathic medicine as a physician in this state must successfully complete the following requirements before a license will be issued:
- (1) Each applicant must submit a completed written application to the board on forms furnished by the board, which shall require proof of graduation from a medical school acceptable to the board and successful completion of a postgraduate training program acceptable to the board. The application shall require a fingerprint-based criminal history check of the Idaho central criminal database and the federal bureau of investigation criminal history database. Each applicant must submit a full set of the applicant's fingerprints on forms supplied by the board which shall be forwarded to the Idaho state police and the federal bureau of investigation identification division for this purpose or for the purpose of qualifying an applicant for an expedited license as the state of principal license as provided in section 54-1847, Idaho Code. The board shall not disseminate data acquired from a fingerprint-based criminal history check except as allowed by law in accordance with section 67-9411A, Idaho Code.
- (2) Each applicant must pass an examination conducted by or acceptable to the board which that shall thoroughly test the applicant's fitness to

practice medicine. If an applicant fails to pass any step of the examination on two (2) separate occasions, the applicant may be required to be interviewed, evaluated, or examined by the board.

(3) The board may require an applicant to be personally interviewed by the board or a designated committee of the board. Such an interview shall be limited to a review of the applicant's qualifications and professional credentials.

SECTION 6. That Section 54-1810A, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:

- 54-1810A. PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT LICENSURE. Any person seeking to be licensed to practice medicine as a physician assistant in this state must successfully complete the following requirements before a license will be issued:
- (1) Each applicant must submit a completed written application to the board on forms furnished by the board, which shall require proof of a college baccalaureate degree from a nationally accredited school and completion of a physician assistant training program acceptable to the board and accredited by the accreditation review commission on education for physician assistants;
- (2) Each applicant must submit proof of current certification by the national commission on certification of physician assistants or \underline{a} similar certifying agency approved by the board; and
- (3) The application shall require a fingerprint-based criminal history check of the Idaho central criminal database and the federal bureau of investigation criminal history database. Each applicant must submit a full set of the applicant's fingerprints on forms supplied by the board, which shall be forwarded to the Idaho state police and the federal bureau of investigation identification division for this purpose. The board shall not disseminate data acquired from a fingerprint-based criminal history check except as allowed by law in accordance with section 67-9411A, Idaho Code.
- SECTION 7. That Section 54-1811, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 54-1811. PHYSICIAN LICENSURE BY ENDORSEMENT. Any person seeking to be licensed to practice medicine as a physician in this state who is licensed to practice medicine in another state must successfully complete the following requirements before a license to practice medicine will be issued:
- (1) Each applicant must submit a completed written application to the board on forms furnished by the board, which shall require proof that the applicant holds a valid, unrevoked, unsuspended license to practice medicine, or osteopathic medicine in a state, territory or district of the United States or Canada, and the applicant demonstrates that he possesses the requisite qualifications to provide the same standard of health care as provided by licensed physicians in this state. The board may require further examination to establish such qualifications. An applicant with any disciplinary action, including past, pending, or confidential, by any board of medicine, licensing authority, medical society, professional society,

hospital, medical school, or institution staff in any state, territory, district, or country is not eligible for licensure by endorsement.

- (2) The application shall require a fingerprint-based criminal history check of the Idaho central criminal database and the federal bureau of investigation criminal history database. Each applicant must submit a full set of the applicant's fingerprints on forms supplied by the board which shall be forwarded to the Idaho state police and the federal bureau of investigation identification division for this purpose or for the purpose of qualifying an applicant for an expedited license as the state of principal license as provided in section 54-1847, Idaho Code. The board shall not disseminate data acquired from a fingerprint-based criminal history check except as allowed by law in accordance with section 67-9411A, Idaho Code.
- (3) The board may require an applicant to be personally interviewed by the board or a designated committee of the board. The interview shall be limited to a review of the applicant's qualifications and professional credentials.

SECTION 8. That Section 54-2012, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:

- 54-2012. MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS FOR AN INDIVIDUAL PRIMARY IDAHO LICENSE. (1) Requirements for all individual primary licenses. Unless a qualification is waived or modified by the commission for good cause and upon special consideration, and except as provided in section 54-2015, Idaho Code, each person seeking a primary Idaho real estate license as a salesperson, associate broker or designated broker shall meet all of the following minimum qualifications:
 - (a) Be an individual;

- (b) Be eighteen (18) years of age or older;
- (c) Furnish satisfactory proof that the applicant graduated from an accredited high school or its equivalent or holds a certificate of general education;
- (d) Not have had a real estate or other professional or occupational license suspended or surrendered, or the renewal refused, for a disciplinary violation involving fraud, misrepresentation or dishonest or dishonorable dealing, in Idaho or any other jurisdiction, within five (5) years immediately prior to the date the application for license is submitted to the commission;
- (e) Not have had a real estate or other professional or occupational license revoked for a disciplinary violation involving fraud, misrepresentation or dishonest or dishonorable dealing, in Idaho or any other jurisdiction; provided that, after a period of five (5) years from the date the license was revoked, the applicant may make a written request to the commission for an exemption review to determine the applicant's suitability for licensure, which the commission shall determine in accordance with the following:
 - (i) The exemption review shall consist of a review of any documents relating to the disciplinary action that resulted in the license revocation and any supplemental information provided by the applicant bearing upon regarding his suitability for licensure.

The commission may, at its discretion, grant an interview of the applicant.

- (ii) During the review, the commission shall consider the following factors and evidence:
 - 1. The severity or nature of the disciplinary violation for which the applicant's license was revoked;
 - 2. The period of time that has passed since the disciplinary violation occurred;
 - 3. The existence, number and pattern of any other misconduct for which the applicant has been disciplined;
 - 4. The circumstances surrounding the disciplinary violation that would help the commission determine the risk of repetition;
 - 5. The relationship of the disciplinary violation to the licensed practice of real estate; and
 - 6. The applicant's activities since the disciplinary violation under review, such as employment, education, participation in treatment, payment of restitution or any other factors that may be evidence of current rehabilitation.
- (iii) The applicant shall bear the burden of establishing his current suitability for licensure.
- (f) Not have been convicted \underline{of} or completed any sentence of confinement for or on account of any misdemeanor involving fraud, misrepresentation or dishonest or dishonorable dealing, in a state or federal court, within five (5) years immediately prior to the date the application for license is submitted to the commission;
- (g) Not have been convicted of any felony in a state or federal court or convicted by military general court-martial; provided that, after a period of five (5) years from the date the person was convicted or completed any term of probation, sentence or confinement or period of parole, whichever is later, the applicant may make written request to the commission for an exemption review to determine the applicant's suitability for licensure, which the commission shall determine in accordance with the following:
 - (i) The exemption review shall consist of a review of any documents relating to the felony and any supplemental information provided by the applicant bearing upon regarding his suitability for licensure. The commission may, at its discretion, grant an interview of the applicant.
 - (ii) During the review, the commission shall consider the following factors or evidence:
 - 1. The severity or nature of the felony;
 - 2. The period of time that has passed since the felony under review;
 - 3. The number or pattern of felonies or other similar incidents;
 - 4. The circumstances surrounding the crime that would help determine the risk of repetition;
 - 5. The relationship of the crime to the licensed practice of real estate; and

- 6. The applicant's activities since the crime under review, such as employment, education, participation in treatment, payment of restitution or any other factors that may be evidence of current rehabilitation.
- (iii) The applicant shall bear the burden of establishing his current suitability for licensure.
- (h) Complete all prelicense education requirements as provided for in section 54-2022, Idaho Code, for a salesperson's or broker's license;
- (i) Pass the commission-approved real estate licensing exam for a sales or broker license in the time and manner stated in section 54-2014, Idaho Code, and pay the required exam fees;
- (j) Be fingerprinted for the purpose of a national criminal history check to determine whether the applicant is qualified for licensure and pay all fees associated with the fingerprinting and background check services in accordance with section 67-9411A, Idaho Code. If the fingerprints are returned to the commission as illegible, the applicant shall, upon request from the commission, be fingerprinted again and file the new fingerprints with the commission;
- (k) Sign and file with the commission an irrevocable consent to service, appointing the commission's executive director to act as the licensee's agent, upon whom all judicial and other process or legal notices directed to such licensee may be served, and consenting that any lawful process against the licensee that is served upon the executive director shall be of the same legal force and validity as if served upon the licensee and that the authority shall continue in force so as long as any liability remains outstanding in this state. Upon receipt of any such process or notice, the executive director shall immediately mail a copy of the same by certified mail to the last known address of the licensee. All licensees shall provide the commission a full and current mailing address and shall notify the commission in writing of any change in mailing address within ten (10) business days of the change;
- (1) If licensing as an active salesperson or associate broker, provide the name and physical address of the main business location of the designated broker with whom the applicant will be licensed, and the signature of that broker; or, if licensing as a designated broker, provide the name and physical address of the main business location. No Idaho sales associate may be licensed under or associated with more than one (1) Idaho broker at a time;
- (m) Submit a properly completed application and all license, application and other fees listed in section 54-2020, Idaho Code, or as otherwise required by statute or rule; and
- (n) Provide satisfactory proof of meeting the mandatory errors and omissions insurance requirement for real estate licensees as stated in section 54-2013, Idaho Code.
- (2) Additional requirements for broker and associate broker licenses. Applicants seeking a primary Idaho license as a broker or associate broker shall meet the additional following qualifications:
 - (a) Provide satisfactory evidence of having been actively engaged, on a full-time basis, for two (2) years as a licensed real estate salesperson within the last five (5) years immediately prior to the date upon which

the individual makes application. Such evidence shall demonstrate the productiveness of the licensed activity to have been generally commensurate with that of other licensees practicing in a similar capacity. Listings, sales, options or other licensed activities may be considered by the commission in determining whether the applicant meets this qualification.

- (i) A broker or associate broker applicant may be required to furnish a report of listings and sales accomplished by the applicant during two (2) or more years within the last five (5) years of licensure immediately prior to the application date;
- (ii) This report shall be certified as correct by the broker or brokers with whom the applicant has been associated, provided, however, that upon preapproval by the commission, the applicant may verify that the report is correct in an alternative manner;
- (iii) The broker experience requirement may be modified or reduced, in whole or in part, at the discretion of the commission, based upon on the applicant's educational background, or experience in related or affiliated business activities;
- (iv) The commission in its discretion may make such additional investigation and inquiry relative to the applicant as it shall deem advisable;
- (b) Designate a physical office location and a business name. The commission may refuse to issue a license to any person if the business name is the same as that of any person whose license has been suspended or revoked or is so similar as to be easily confused with another licensee's name by members of the general public. However, nothing in this paragraph shall restrict an individual from obtaining a license in his or her own legal name.
- (c) If currently licensed in Idaho as a salesperson and applying for a license as an Idaho broker or associate broker, the individual shall submit a new fingerprint card for processing in accordance with section 67-9411A, Idaho Code, and pay associated fees.
- SECTION 9. That Section 54-2108, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 54-2108. CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECKS FOR LICENSURE. (1) All applicants for licensure or certification, or for reinstatement after the license or certification has lapsed pursuant to section 54-2112(3), Idaho Code, must submit to a fingerprint-based criminal history check of the Idaho central criminal database and the federal bureau of investigation criminal history database in accordance with section 67-9411A, Idaho Code.
- (2) For purposes of complying with this section, each such applicant must:
 - (a) Submit to the board a full set of the applicant's fingerprints for forwarding to the Idaho state police for appropriate processing by the Idaho state police and the federal bureau of investigation; and
 - (b) Submit to the board for forwarding to the Idaho state police and the federal bureau of investigation the full amount of the processing fees charged by such agencies.

(3) (2) This section shall apply to individuals only. This section shall not apply to entities applying for a certificate as a certified euthanasia agency.

 SECTION 10. That Section 54-2912, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:

- 54-2912. QUALIFICATIONS FOR LICENSURE -- AUDIOLOGIST. (1) To be eliquible for licensure by the board as an audiologist, the applicant shall:
 - (a) File a written application with the board on forms prescribed and furnished by the board. A nonrefundable application fee shall accompany the completed written application. Such fees shall be established by the administrative rules of the board and shall be in such amounts as are reasonable and necessary for the proper execution and enforcement of this chapter;
 - (b) Provide documentation satisfactory to the board that the applicant possesses a master's or doctoral degree with emphasis in audiology or not less than seventy-five (75) semester credit hours of post-baccalaureate study that culminates in a doctoral or other recognized degree from a nationally accredited school for audiology with a curriculum acceptable to the board;
 - (c) Pass an examination in audiology approved by the board;
 - (d) Meet the current supervised academic clinical practicum and supervised postgraduate professional experience approved by the board;
 - (e) Submit a full set of the applicant's fingerprints on forms supplied by the board that shall be utilized to obtain to a fingerprint-based criminal history background check from the Idaho state police and the federal bureau of investigation in accordance with section 67-9411A, Idaho Code; and
 - (f) Have never had a license for audiology revoked as part of disciplinary action from this or any other state and shall not be found by the board to have engaged in conduct prohibited by section 54-2923, Idaho Code, provided however, the board may take into consideration the rehabilitation of the applicant and other mitigating circumstances.
 - (2) The applicant shall disclose on his written application:
 - (a) Any criminal conviction or charge, other than minor traffic infractions, against the applicant;
 - (b) Any disciplinary action taken against the applicant by any professional regulatory agency, including any agency within the this state or any other state; and
 - (c) Any denial of registration or licensure by any state or district regulatory body.
- (3) The board may require an applicant to be personally interviewed by the board or a designated committee of the board. The interview shall be limited to a review of the applicant's qualifications and professional credentials.

SECTION 11. That Section 54-2913, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:

54-2913. QUALIFICATIONS FOR LICENSURE -- SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLO-GIST. (1) To be eligible for licensure as a speech-language pathologist, the applicant shall:

- (a) File a written application with the board on forms prescribed and furnished by the board. A nonrefundable application fee shall accompany the completed written application. Such fees shall be established by the administrative rules of the board and shall be in such amounts as are reasonable and necessary for the proper execution and enforcement of this chapter;
- (b) Provide documentation satisfactory to the board that the applicant possesses a master's or doctoral degree from a nationally accredited school of speech-language pathology with a curriculum acceptable to the board;
- (c) Pass an examination in speech-language pathology approved by the board;
- (d) Meet the current supervised academic clinical practicum and supervised postgraduate professional experience approved by the board;
- (e) Submit a full set of the applicant's fingerprints on forms supplied by the board that shall be utilized to obtain to a fingerprint-based criminal history background check from the Idaho state police and the federal bureau of investigation in accordance with section 67-9411A, Idaho Code; and
- (f) Have never had a license for speech-language pathology revoked as part of disciplinary action from this or any other state and shall not be found by the board to have engaged in conduct prohibited by section 54-2923, Idaho Code, provided however, the board may take into consideration the rehabilitation of the applicant and other mitigating circumstances.
- (2) The applicant shall disclose on his written application:
- (a) Any criminal conviction or charge, other than minor traffic infractions, against the applicant;
- (b) Any disciplinary action taken against the applicant by any professional regulatory agency, including any agency within $\frac{1}{2}$ state or any other state; and
- (3) The board may require an applicant to be personally interviewed by the board or a designated committee of the board. The interview shall be limited to a review of the applicant's qualifications and professional credentials.
- SECTION 12. That Section 54-3405, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 54-3405. QUALIFICATIONS FOR LICENSURE. (1) Licensure as a "licensed professional counselor" shall be restricted to persons who have:
 - (a) <u>Have</u> not been convicted, found guilty, or received a withheld judgment or a suspended sentence in this state or in any other state of a crime that is deemed relevant in accordance with section 67-9411(1), Idaho Code, and who have;

- (b) Have submitted to a fingerprint-based criminal history background check in accordance with section 67-9411A, Idaho Code; and
- (c) Have successfully completed each of the following requirements:

- (a) (i) A master's degree or higher in counseling or a related field of study, as approved by the board, which that includes completion of a practicum of supervised clinical contact as defined by rule;
 - (b) (ii) An examination, if required by the board's rules; and (c) (iii) One thousand (1,000) hours of supervised experience in counseling acceptable to the board.
- (2) A license will not be <u>allowed issued to</u> an individual whose license, certification or registration has been revoked or suspended in this or any other state and in this or any other related field. Such an individual may not be licensed under this chapter unless the period of revocation or suspension has been completed and the board has conducted a competency review and determined that an acceptable degree of rehabilitation has been accomplished.
- SECTION 13. That Section 54-3405A, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 54-3405A. QUALIFICATIONS FOR LICENSURE. Licensure as a "licensed clinical professional counselor" shall be restricted to persons who have successfully completed each of the following requirements:
- (1) Hold a valid licensed professional counselor license in good standing;
- (2) Document two thousand (2,000) hours of direct client contact experience under supervision in no less than a two (2) year period as set forth in this chapter and the rules of the board—;
- (3) Successful completion of Successfully complete a written examination as approved by the board and defined in rules of the board.; and
- (4) Submit to a fingerprint-based criminal history background check in accordance with section 67-9411A, Idaho Code.
- SECTION 14. That Section 54-3405B, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 54-3405B. QUALIFICATIONS FOR LICENSURE. (1) In addition to such other information as the board may require by rule, each applicant for licensure as a licensed associate marriage and family therapist shall:
 - (a) Hold a master's degree or higher in marriage and family therapy or a related field of study as approved by the board and complete a practicum of supervised clinical contact with individuals, couples, families and other systems as part of the graduate program and as defined by rule;
 - (b) Submit an application in the form prescribed by the board;
 - (c) Pay the fee determined by the board by rule; and
 - (d) Provide evidence satisfactory to the board of having successfully passed an examination approved by the board and defined by rule-; and
 - (e) Submit to a fingerprint-based criminal history background check in accordance with section 67-9411A, Idaho Code.

- (2) A license will not be allowed issued to an individual whose license, certification or registration has been revoked or suspended in this or any other state and in this or any other related field. Such an individual may not be licensed under this chapter unless the period of revocation or suspension has been completed and the board has conducted a competency review and determined that an acceptable degree of rehabilitation has been accomplished.
- SECTION 15. That Section 54-3405C, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 54-3405C. QUALIFICATIONS FOR LICENSURE. (1) In addition to such other information as the board may require by rule, each applicant for licensure as a licensed marriage and family therapist shall:
 - (a) Hold a master's degree or higher in marriage and family therapy or a related field of study as approved by the board and complete a practicum of supervised clinical contact with individuals, couples, families and other systems as part of the graduate program and as defined by rule;
 - (b) Document postgraduate supervised experience in marriage and family therapy acceptable to the board as defined by rule;
 - (c) Submit an application in the form prescribed by the board;
 - (d) Pay the fee determined by the board by rule; and

- (e) Provide evidence satisfactory to the board of having successfully passed an examination approved by the board and defined by rule-; and
- (f) Submit to a fingerprint-based criminal history background check in accordance with section 67-9411A, Idaho Code.
- (2) A license will not be <u>allowed issued to</u> an individual whose license, certification or registration has been revoked or suspended in this or any other state and in this or any other related field. Such an individual may not be licensed under this chapter unless the period of revocation or suspension has been completed and the board has conducted a competency review and determined that an acceptable degree of rehabilitation has been accomplished.
- SECTION 16. That Section 54-4106, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 54-4106. REAL ESTATE APPRAISERS -- REAL ESTATE APPRAISER BOARD -- POWERS AND DUTIES -- COMPENSATION. (1) There is hereby created in the division of occupational and professional licenses a real estate appraiser board, hereinafter referred to as the "board," which shall administer the provisions of this chapter. The board shall consist of five (5) members to be appointed by and to serve at the pleasure of the governor as follows:
 - (a) One (1) real estate appraiser from the northern district consisting of the counties of Idaho, Lewis, Nez Perce, Clearwater, Latah, Benewah, Boundary, Shoshone, Kootenai and Bonner; one (1) real estate appraiser from the southeastern district consisting of the counties of Lemhi, Butte, Clark, Fremont, Jefferson, Madison, Teton, Bonneville, Bingham, Caribou, Bear Lake, Franklin, Oneida, Power and Bannock; one (1) real estate appraiser from the southwestern district consisting of the counties of Owyhee, Elmore, Ada, Canyon, Boise, Gem, Payette, Washington,

Adams and Valley; one (1) real estate appraiser from the south central district consisting of the counties of Blaine, Camas, Cassia, Custer, Gooding, Jerome, Lincoln, Minidoka and Twin Falls; and one (1) public member from the state at large;

- (b) The governor shall appoint the members of the board, four (4) of whom shall be real estate appraisers with not less than five (5) years' experience in the real estate appraisal business in Idaho and one (1) of whom shall be a member of the public with an interest in the rights of consumers of real estate appraisal services. Each regular appointment, other than an appointment to fill an unexpired term, shall be for a term of four (4) years and each board member shall hold office until a successor is appointed and qualified. Upon the death, resignation or removal of any member of the board, the governor shall appoint a qualified person to fill the unexpired term. Appointments to fill any vacancy other than that resulting from the expiration of a term shall be made for the unexpired term;
- (c) The board shall call a meeting not less than one (1) time at least once annually to organize and \underline{to} elect a chairman. Thereafter, the chairman may call meetings of the board whenever he deems it advisable, but if he refuses to call a meeting upon written demand of the other four (4) members of the board, then such members may call such meeting. Rea-
- (4) members of the board, then such members may call such meeting. Rea sonable notice shall be given in writing by mail of such meeting.
- (2) The board shall have, in addition to the powers conferred elsewhere in this chapter, the following powers and duties:
 - (a) To authorize, by written agreement, the division of occupational and professional licenses to act as its agent in its interest;
 - (b) To adopt, pursuant to the administrative procedure act, such rules as the board, in its discretion, deems necessary for the administration and enforcement of this chapter, and any such rules deemed necessary by the board to keep the Idaho real estate appraisers act in compliance with federal law, rule, regulation or policy;
 - (c) To conduct investigations into violations of the provisions of this chapter;
 - (d) To receive applications for and issue licenses or certificates to real estate appraisers pursuant to this chapter;
 - (e) To hold meetings, hearings and examinations at such places and at such times as it shall designate;
 - (f) To collect, deposit and disburse application and other fees, as required by this chapter or federal law;
 - (g) To maintain a register of all state_licensed or state_certified residential and state-certified general real estate appraisers;
 - (h) To censure a state-licensed or <u>state-certified</u> appraiser or suspend or revoke appraisal licenses or certificates as provided in this chapter, subject to the provisions of the Idaho administrative procedure act, chapter 52, title 67, Idaho Code;
 - (i) To adopt rules governing the registration and limitations of real estate appraiser trainees; and
 - (j) To require new applicants to submit to a satisfactory finger-print-based criminal history check of the Idaho central criminal database and the federal bureau of investigation criminal history database

and to collect fees from applicants for the costs of such background check in accordance with section 67-9411A, Idaho Code.

(3) Each member of the board of real estate appraisers shall be compensated as provided in section $59-509 \, (m)$, Idaho Code.

- SECTION 17. That Section 54-4126, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 54-4126. OWNERSHIP REQUIREMENTS -- CONTROLLING PERSONS. (1) No AMC shall be registered in this state if the AMC is owned in whole or in part, directly or indirectly, by any person who has had an appraiser license or certificate refused, denied, canceled, surrendered in lieu of revocation, or revoked in any state for substantive cause, as determined by the appropriate state appraiser certifying and licensing agency. An AMC is not barred from registration in this state if the license or certificate of the appraiser with an ownership interest was not revoked for a substantive cause and has been reinstated by the state or states in which the appraiser was licensed or certified.
- (2) No AMC shall be registered in this state if any natural person that who owns more than ten percent (10%) of the appraisal management company AMC:
 - (a) Is determined by the board to not be in compliance with all minimum federal requirements; or
 - (b) Fails to submit to a background investigation, including a finger-print-based criminal history check, carried out by the board in accordance with section 67-9411A, Idaho Code.
- (3) Each appraisal management company AMC applying to the board for a registration in this state shall designate one (1) controlling person that will be the main contact for all communication between the board and the appraisal management company AMC and notify the board of any change in the appraisal management company's AMC's controlling person. The controlling person designated pursuant to this subsection shall:
 - (a) Have never had a license or certificate to act as an appraiser refused, denied, canceled, revoked or surrendered in lieu of revocation for a substantive reason in any state, unless the person has subsequently had the license or certificate to act as an appraiser granted or reinstated;
 - (b) Be in compliance with all minimum federal requirements, as determined by the board; and
 - (c) Submit to a background investigation, including a finger-print-based criminal history check, carried out by the board in accordance with section 67-9411A, Idaho Code.
- SECTION 18. That Section 54-4132, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 54-4132. ADDITIONAL POWERS OF THE BOARD. In addition to the powers conferred elsewhere in this chapter, the board shall have the power under this act, in relation to appraisal management companies, to:
- (1) Authorize by written agreement the division of occupational and professional licenses to act as its agent, to act in its interest and, in its discretion, to contract with the division of occupational and professional

licenses for those services deemed necessary for the proper administration of this act;

- (2) Adopt, pursuant to the administrative procedure act, rules that are consistent with the provisions of this act and are not in conflict with state or federal law that may be reasonably necessary to implement, administer and enforce the provisions of this act;
 - (3) Conduct investigations into violations of this act;

- (4) Receive applications for and approve registration of appraisal management companies pursuant to the provisions of this act;
 - (5) Hold meetings and hearings at such times as it may designate;
- (6) Collect, deposit and disburse application and other fees and income;
- (7) Collect the actual costs and fees, including attorney's fees, incurred by the board in the investigation and prosecution of an AMC upon the finding of a violation of this act or a rule adopted or an order issued by the board under this act. Provided, however, that the assessment of costs and fees against or in favor of a licensee under this chapter shall be governed by the provisions of section 12-117(5), Idaho Code;
- (8) Take such action as may be necessary to enforce the provisions of this act and to regulate appraisal management companies;
- (9) Report an AMC's violation of applicable appraisal-related laws, regulations or orders, as well as disciplinary and enforcement actions or other relevant information about an AMC's operations to state and federal agencies; and
- (10) Require new applicants, owners or designated controlling persons for each new applicant to submit to a satisfactory fingerprint-based criminal history check of the Idaho central criminal database and the federal bureau of investigation criminal history database in accordance with section 67-9411A, Idaho Code, and to collect fees from applicants for the cost of such background checks.
- SECTION 19. That Section 54-5106, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 54-5106. QUALIFICATIONS FOR LICENSURE. To be eligible for a license to practice as a naturopathic medical doctor in the state of Idaho, the applicant shall submit an application, pay the fee, and fulfill the following requirements:
- (1) The applicant must be a graduate of an approved naturopathic medical program as defined in this chapter.;
- (2) The applicant must provide proof of having received a passing grade on the naturopathic physicians licensing examinations administered by the approved national board of naturopathic examiners.;
- (3) The board may require an applicant to be personally interviewed by the board, the naturopathic medical board, or by a designated committee of the board. Such an interview shall be limited to a review of the applicant's qualifications and professional credentials—; and
- (4) The application shall require a fingerprint-based criminal history check of the Idaho central criminal database and the federal bureau of investigation criminal history database. Each applicant must submit a full set of the applicant's fingerprints on forms supplied by the board, which shall be

forwarded to the Idaho state police and the federal bureau of investigation identification division for this purpose. The board shall not disseminate data acquired from a fingerprint-based criminal history check except as allowed by law.

(5) This section shall take effect on July 1, 2020 in accordance with section 67-9411A, Idaho Code.

SECTION 20. That Section 54-5405, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:

54-5405. DRIVING BUSINESSES -- LICENSE REQUIREMENTS. (1) No private driver training business shall be established nor shall any existing business continue to operate unless the business applies for and obtains from the board a license that expires on the license issue date and that must be renewed annually. The application for license shall include the name of the owner, a satisfactory fingerprint-based criminal history check of the Idaho central criminal database and the federal bureau of investigation criminal history database, in accordance with section 67-9411A, Idaho Code, the location of the business, a certificate of occupancy for a business that offers classroom instruction in a physical classroom location, a certificate of commercial automobile insurance, a list of licensed instructors, proof of an annual vehicle check, board-approved curriculum components and a course of instruction for students that shall include the following:

- (a) Not less than thirty (30) hours of classroom instruction;
- (b) Not less than six (6) hours of behind-the-wheel practice driving; and
- (c) Not less than six (6) hours of observation.

- (2) Any private driver training business or driving instructor licensed pursuant to this chapter shall be exempt from the provisions of title 33, Idaho Code, that regulate driver education as long as such license is current and valid and the private driver training business or driving instructor is acting pursuant to activities that the license permits.
- (3) Any driving business licensed pursuant to this chapter may contract with a public school to provide driver education. Any driving business that contracts with a public school to provide driver education may be allowed to use the services of any or all of the driving instructors of that driving business. Once a person has been licensed as a driving instructor, that person is authorized to teach in any approved driver education program.
- (4) A driving business shall ensure that each of its employees and persons under its control who provide driver education to its students is at all times licensed under this chapter as a driving instructor or permitted as a driving instructor apprentice.

SECTION 21. That Section 54-5406, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:

54-5406. DRIVING INSTRUCTORS -- REQUIREMENTS. (1) Each person applying for a driving instructor license must complete an application provided by the division of occupational and professional licenses that requires the applicant to be at least twenty-one (21) years of age, and have a high school diploma or equivalent, a valid driver's license and a satisfactory driving

record from the jurisdiction from which the license was issued, a satisfactory fingerprint-based criminal history check of the Idaho central criminal database and the federal bureau of investigation criminal history database, in accordance with section 67-9411A, Idaho Code, a medical certificate, and any required completed coursework. Licensees shall certify that they hold a current medical certificate at the time of license renewal.

(2) Every new applicant for a license pursuant to this chapter shall have completed a board-approved apprenticeship training program of no fewer than thirty (30) hours of classroom instruction and fifty (50) hours of behind-the-wheel training. The board may waive, as a whole or either part, the apprenticeship for an applicant who holds a current, active and unrestricted equivalent instructor license from another state or who has the requisite training and experience as demonstrated in a manner established by board rule. Such applicant shall submit supporting documentation with the completed application and shall meet all other requirements in this chapter and in board rule.

SECTION 22. That Section 67-2604, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:

- 67-2604. DUTIES OF DIVISION ADMINISTRATOR. (1) In administering the laws regulating professions, trades, and occupations within the division of occupational and professional licenses, and in addition to the authority granted to the administrator by the laws and rules of the agencies and entities within the division, the administrator may:
 - (a) Revise the operating structure of the division as needed to provide efficient and appropriate services to the various professions, trades, occupations, and programs administered within the division;
 - (b) Conduct examinations to ascertain the qualifications and fitness of applicants to exercise the profession, trade, or occupation for which an examination is held;
 - (c) Pass upon the qualifications of applicants for reciprocal licenses, certificates, registrations, and authorities;
 - (d) Prescribe rules for a fair and impartial method of examination of candidates to exercise the respective profession, trade, or occupation;
 - (e) Appoint hearing officers, administer oaths, take depositions of witnesses within or without the state in the manner provided by the administrative rules adopted by the division, issue subpoenas, compel the attendance of witnesses, and assess costs and fees incurred in the investigation and prosecution or defense of any certificate holder, licensee, or registrant of the division, in accordance with the provisions of section 12-117(5), Idaho Code, when applicable, the contested case provisions of chapter 52, title 67, Idaho Code, and the laws and rules of the agencies within the division;
 - (f) Assess civil penalties as authorized for a violation of laws or rules, provided that any such civil penalty collected for a violation of laws or rules shall not exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000), unless otherwise provided by statute or rule, and shall be deposited in the occupational licenses fund;

- (g) Implement processes and promulgate rules for the administration of the chapters of those agencies assigned to the division, including but not limited to:
 - (i) The application, issuance, renewal, cancellation, and reinstatement of licenses, certificates, registrations, and permits, together with assessment of all related fees;
 - (ii) The terms by which fees may be prorated, if any; and
 - (iii) Procedures for the replacement of lost or destroyed licenses, certificates, or registrations;
- (h) Employ individuals, make expenditures, enter into contracts, require reports, make investigations, travel, and take other actions deemed necessary;
- (i) Collect and pay such fees as are required for criminal background checks of applicants, licensees, or registrants;
- (j) Provide honoraria as set forth in section 59-509(p), Idaho Code;
- (k) Require applications to be verified under oath;

- (1) Require applicants to provide a clear and legible copy of a government-issued photo identification;
- (m) Notwithstanding any other provisions of law, terminate an application that has not had any activity within one (1) year, unless otherwise specified in law or rule;
- (n) Issue a license, certificate, permit, or authority only on behalf of an agency that has administrative rules approved by the legislature;
- (o) Implement application processes that provide for clear administration of all licenses, registrations, permits, and certificates, including their status and history; and
- (p) Establish advisory committees as needed to provide efficient and appropriate services to the various professions, trades, occupations, and programs administered within the division—; and
- (q) Require applicants to submit fingerprints in accordance with the provisions of section 67-9411A, Idaho Code, to conduct criminal background checks, unless otherwise specified in law or rule.
- (2) Notwithstanding any law governing any agency within the division, each board or commission member shall hold office until a successor has been duly appointed and qualified.
- The administrator shall administer the following provisions and (3) shall perform such additional duties as are imposed by law: chapter 41, title 39, Idaho Code, relating to the Idaho building code; chapter 40, title 39, Idaho Code, relating to manufactured homes; chapter 43, title 39, Idaho Code, relating to modular buildings; chapter 21, title 44, Idaho Code, relating to manufactured home dealer and installer licensing; chapter 25, title 44, Idaho Code, relating to mobile home rehabilitation; chapter 10, title 54, Idaho Code, relating to electrical contractors and journeymen; chapter 19, title 54, Idaho Code, relating to public works contractors; chapter 26, title 54, Idaho Code, relating to plumbing and plumbers; chapter 45, title 54, Idaho Code, relating to public works construction management licensing; chapter 50, title 54, Idaho Code, relating to installation of heating, ventilation and air conditioning systems; chapter 80, title 39, Idaho Code, relating to uniform public school building safety; chapter 59, title 33, Idaho Code, relating to Idaho school safety and security; chapter

86, title 39, Idaho Code, relating to elevator safety; and chapter 22, title 55, Idaho Code, relating to underground facilities damage prevention.

- (4) For those agencies listed in subsection (3) of this section, the administrator may, in addition to those powers listed in this chapter:
 - (a) Issue registrations, licenses, and certificates;

- (b) Charge a fee of seventy-five dollars (\$75.00) for each examination administered, unless a different fee is established in law or rule;
- (c) Conduct hearings on proceedings to discipline, renew, or reinstate licenses, certificates, or authorities of persons exercising the respective profession, trade, or occupation;
- (d) Revoke, suspend, refuse to renew, or take other disciplinary action against such licenses, certifications, or authorities; and
- (e) Assess civil penalties as authorized for a violation of law or rule.

SECTION 23. That Chapter 94, Title 67, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended by the addition thereto of a $\underline{\text{NEW SECTION}}$, to be known and designated as Section 67-9411A, Idaho Code, and to read as follows:

- 67-9411A. FINGERPRINT CRIMINAL HISTORY AND BACKGROUND CHECK. (1) To determine the suitability of applicants for occupational and professional licensure, the administrator of the division of occupational and professional licenses is authorized to require an applicant to provide information and fingerprints necessary to obtain criminal conviction history information from the Idaho state police and the federal bureau of investigation. Pursuant to section 67-3008, Idaho Code, and P.L. 92-544, the administrator shall obtain fingerprints from the applicant, which shall be submitted to the Idaho state police, bureau of criminal identification, for a criminal records check of state and national databases. The applicant shall submit a fingerprint card for processing and pay associated fees. Fingerprints and information required by this section shall be submitted in a manner as prescribed by the Idaho state police.
- (2) The administrator of the division of occupational and professional licenses is authorized to receive criminal history information from the Idaho state police and from the federal bureau of investigation for the purpose of evaluating the fitness of applicants for occupational and professional licensure. As provided by state and federal law, further dissemination or other use of the criminal history information is prohibited. Criminal background reports received from the Idaho state police and the federal bureau of investigation shall be handled and disposed of in a manner consistent with requirements imposed by the Idaho state police and the federal bureau of investigation.
- (3) The administrator of the division of occupational and professional licenses shall review the information received from the criminal history and background check and determine whether the applicant for licensure has a criminal or other relevant record that could disqualify the individual from licensure pursuant to section 67-9411, Idaho Code. If such criminal conviction is determined to exist, the applicant shall be informed and, unless withdrawn, the application shall be forwarded to the appropriate licensing authority for formal review. The authority to deny an application is exclusive to the respective licensing authority, subject to judicial review pursuant to section 67-5270, Idaho Code.

(4) The criminal history and background check is not the only process for determination of suitability for licensure.

- (5) The administrator of the division of occupational and professional licenses is authorized to promulgate such rules as are necessary to carry out the provisions of this section.
- SECTION 24. SEVERABILITY. The provisions of this act are hereby declared to be severable and if any provision of this act or the application of such provision to any person or circumstance is declared invalid for any reason, such declaration shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this act.
- SECTION 25. An emergency existing therefor, which emergency is hereby declared to exist, this act shall be in full force and effect on and after July 1, 2024.