

Occupational Boards and Licensing

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Care for Women, Children, and Families Act - Part IV.

SL 2023-14 (S20)

Part IV of S.L. 2023-14, as amended by Section 2 of S.L. 2023-79, appropriates funds for long-term birth control, increases the Medicaid rate for obstetrics maternal bundle payments, expands the practice authority of Certified Nurse Midwives, and appropriates funds to expand the Safe Sleep North Carolina Campaign.

This bill was vetoed by the Governor on May 14, 2023. The veto was overridden by the General Assembly on May 16, 2023. The Certified Nurse Midwife provisions in this Part of the act became effective October 1, 2023. The remainder of the Part of the act became effective July 1, 2023.

Modify Training/Standards Commissions Power.

SL 2023-56 (H611)

S.L. 2023-56 modifies the powers of the North Carolina Criminal Justice Education and Training Standards Commission and the North Carolina Sheriffs' Education and Training Standards Commission and provides that certain expunged crimes committed by minors cannot prevent law enforcement certification.

This act became effective June 23, 2023.

Well Contractor Examination Exemption – North Carolina Farm Act of 2023.

SL 2023-63 (S582), Sec. 13

Section 13 of S.L. 2023-63 exempts a person who meets the following criteria from the examination requirements of the Well Contractors Certification Commission:

- Is 70 years of age or older.
- Has engaged in well contractor activity for more than 20 years.
- Has no record of having violated any provision of the North Carolina Well Construction Act, the North Carolina Well Contractors Certification Act, or any order issued or rule adopted pursuant to those acts in the previous 10 years.
- Meets all other requirements for certification (submission of an application, payment of the application fee).

This bill was vetoed by the Governor on June 23, 2023, and that veto was overridden by the General Assembly on June 27, 2023.

This section became effective June 27, 2023.

Mental Health Licensing Fair Practice Standards.

SL 2023-80 (H344)

S.L. 2023-80 requires the Division of Health Service Regulation (DHSR), Department of Health and Human Services, to establish a quality dashboard making licensure, rule violation, and contested case information available on its website. It also must establish a workgroup to identify ongoing issues and provide training to providers based on the workgroup's findings.

This act became effective October 1, 2023.

Registered Veterinary Technician Modification.

SL 2023-81 (S135)

S.L. 2023-81 clarifies that only a person licensed by or registered with the North Carolina Veterinary Medical Board (Board) as a registered veterinary technician can hold himself or herself out as a "registered veterinary technician," "veterinary technician," or use the abbreviation "R.V.T." or any other words, letters, or symbols intended to convey that the person is a registered veterinary technician.

This act became effective December 1, 2023, and applies to offenses committed on or after that date.

Certified Alcohol and Drug Counselor Supervision Requirements.

SL 2023-83 (S45)

S.L. 2023-83 modifies the supervision requirements for certified alcohol and drug counselors as well as those for certified criminal justice addictions professionals.

This act became effective October 1, 2023.

Chiropractic Preceptorship Modifications.

SL 2023-84 (S507)

S.L. 2023-84 allows students in a chiropractic preceptorship program to observe and perform chiropractic services under the direct supervision of a licensed chiropractor.

The act became effective October 1, 2023.

Movie Sets/Radon/Licensee Experience.

SL 2023-91 (H782)

S.L. 2023-91 does the following:

- Exempts buildings used for temporary motion picture, television, and theater stage sets and scenery from any use and occupancy classification under the North Carolina State Building Code.
- Directs the Department of Health and Human Services to establish an approval process for radon proficiency programs.
- Allows the Board of Examiners of Plumbing, Heating, and Fire Sprinkler Contractors to accept a license in good standing for at least 10 years as experience for Class II plumbing and heating qualifications.

Section 3 of this act became effective July 1, 2023. The remainder of the act became effective July 10, 2023.

Juvenile Justice Modifications/Department of Insurance Expenses/Technical Changes.

SL 2023-114 (H186)

Modify Charitable Solicitation Licensing Laws.

SL 2023-119 (S429)

S.L. 2023-119 increases the amount of contributions allowed before a charitable organization must obtain a charitable solicitation license from \$25,000 to \$50,000 (i.e., organizations can receive up to \$50,000 before a license is required) and modifies licensure renewal and filing deadlines for charitable organizations.

Section 1 became effective September 14, 2023, and applies to requests for exemptions filed on or after that date. Section 2 became effective October 1, 2023, and applies to license renewals filed on or after that date. The remainder of the act became effective September 14, 2023.

Principal Licensure Changes.

SL 2023-125 (H432)

S.L. 2023-125 updates principal licensure requirements and administrator preparation program approval rules that apply beginning July 1, 2024, and requires the Professional Educator Preparation and Standards Commission (PEPSC) to develop a portfolio-based assessment for prospective principals.

The State Board of Education (SBE) must adopt rules for two classes of administrator license, an administrator license and a provisional assistant principal license, that meet certain requirements. The SBE must also develop rules for determining whether individuals who completed an out-of-state administrator preparation program (APP) meet or exceed North Carolina requirements.

PEPSC, in consultation with the Department of Public Instruction and the North Carolina Principal Fellows Commission, must develop a portfolio-based assessment system for use in applications for administrator licensure, and submit recommendations to the SBE by June 15, 2024.

Except as otherwise provided, this act became effective September 28, 2023.

North Carolina Health and Human Services Workforce Act.

SL 2023-129 (H125)

S.L. 2023-129 makes numerous changes that impact the workforce in the health and human services sector. Sections of the act include the following: allows military relocation licenses for physician and physician assistant servicemembers and spouses; modifies the hearing aid dealers and fitters laws with regard to over-the-counter hearing aids; modifies behavior analyst credentialing; makes modifications to optometry laws; requires evaluation of federal requirements and, if appropriate, requires development of a plan to transition the nurse aide I education and training program from the Department of Health and Human Services to the Board of Nursing; protects health care workers from violence; extends flexibility for ambulance transport; updates statutes governing the practice of audiology; adjusts Medicaid reimbursement for dental procedures performed in ambulatory centers; and amends the definition of a "bar" in the sanitation statutes.

The audiology portion of the act was amended by Section 2.7 of S.L. 2023-141.

This act has various effective dates. Please see full summary for more details.

Continuing Legal Education Exemption for Full-Time Attorneys for General Assembly – 2023 Appropriations Act.

SL 2023-134 (H259), Sec. 27.1

Section 27.1 of S.L. 2023-134 directs the North Carolina State Bar Council to adopt rules to provide that full-time employees of the North Carolina General Assembly are exempt from the continuing legal education requirements established by the North Carolina State Bar for any calendar year in which they serve some portion as full-time employees. Until such time that the Bar Council adopts these rules, full-time employees of the North Carolina General Assembly are exempt from the North Carolina State Bar's continuing legal education requirements.

This section became effective October 3, 2023.

North Carolina State Bar Grievance Review Committee, Disciplinary Hearing Commission, and Bar Fees – 2023 Appropriations Act.

SL 2023-134 (H259), Sec. 27.11

Section 27.11 of S.L. 2023-134 establishes the State Bar Review Committee, amends fee statutes that apply to members of the North Carolina State Bar and district bars, and modifies the membership of the North Carolina State Bar disciplinary hearing commission.

The subsections of this section that relate to fee modifications become effective July 1, 2024. The remainder of this section became effective October 3, 2023.

Voluntary Connection to North Carolina Health Information Exchange Network for Chiropractors – Regulatory Reform Act of 2023.

SL 2023-137 (H600), Sec. 32

Section 32 of S.L. 2023-137 allows chiropractors to voluntarily submit data to the Health Information Exchange Network.

This bill was vetoed by the Governor on October 2, 2023, and that veto was overridden by the General Assembly on October 10, 2023. This section became effective on October 10, 2023.

Delay the Effective Date of Rules Adopted by the Appraisal Board Subject to Legislative Review – Regulatory Reform Act of 2023.

SL 2023-137 (H600), Sec. 38

Section 38 of S.L. 2023-137 delays the effective date of the six rules adopted by the North Carolina Appraisal Board subject to legislative review to December 31, 2025.

This bill was vetoed by the Governor on October 2, 2023, and that veto was overridden by the General Assembly on October 10, 2023. This section became effective on October 10, 2023.

Modify the Licensing Requirements for Transliterators and Interpreters – Regulatory Reform Act of 2023.

SL 2023-137 (H600), Sec. 45

Section 45 of S.L. 2023-137 modifies the requirements to become a licensed transliterator or interpreter in the State.

This bill was vetoed by the Governor on October 2, 2023, and that veto was overridden by the General Assembly on October 10, 2023. This section became effective on October 10, 2023. The licensing changes made in by this section became effective December 1, 2023, and apply to

licenses and provisional licenses issued or renewed by the North Carolina Interpreter and Transliterator Licensing Board after that date.