

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HOUSE BILL NO. 178

BY BUSINESS COMMITTEE

AN ACT

1 RELATING TO APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAMS; AMENDING CHAPTER 94, TITLE 67, IDAHO  
2 CODE, BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SECTION 67-9412, IDAHO CODE, TO ESTABLISH  
3 PROVISIONS REGARDING THE TREATMENT OF APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAMS FOR LI-  
4 CENSING PURPOSES.  
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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 67-9412, Idaho Code, and to read as follows:

10 67-9412. TREATMENT OF APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAMS FOR LICENSING PUR-  
11 POSES. (1) For purposes of this section, "applicable apprenticeship pro-  
12 gram" means a paid on-the-job learning program that has been adopted by  
13 an Idaho licensing authority or the United States department of labor or a  
14 standards recognition entity recognized by the United States department of  
15 labor.

16 (2) A licensing authority shall grant a license to any applicant who  
17 has:

18 (a) Completed an applicable apprenticeship program;

19 (b) Passed an applicable examination, if required by a licensing au-  
20 thority;

21 (c) Paid any applicable fees; and

22 (d) Met any other criteria unrelated to training and education ordinar-  
23 ily required by a licensing authority.

24 (3) If a licensing authority denies licensure to an applicant on the ba-  
25 sis that the applicant's apprenticeship is not an applicable apprenticeship  
26 program, such licensing authority shall issue such denial in writing and ex-  
27 plain why the applicant's apprenticeship program has been deemed inapplica-  
28 ble by the licensing authority. Such decision shall be a final administra-  
29 tive action and shall be subject to judicial review.

30 (4) If a licensing authority requires an examination, it shall require  
31 the same passing score for applicants under this section as for non-appren-  
32 tice applicants. If a relevant licensing authority does not require an ex-  
33 amination, no examination shall be required for applicants seeking to obtain  
34 licensure through an applicable apprenticeship program.

35 (5) A licensing authority shall use the same licensing fee for appli-  
36 cants under this section as for applicants under the standard licensing  
37 process. If a licensing authority does not require a fee, no fee shall be  
38 required for applicants who obtain licensure through an applicable appren-  
39 ticeship program.

40 (6) A licensing authority shall not establish increased education or  
41 training requirements, including increased hour requirements, for appli-

1 cants who have completed an applicable apprenticeship program under this  
2 section.

3 (7) Licensing authorities may work with the relevant agencies, such as  
4 the state department of education, the workforce development council, and  
5 the division of career technical education to ensure that applicable appren-  
6 ticeship programs are available and known to secondary and postsecondary  
7 students.

8 (8) Licensing authorities without applicable apprenticeship programs  
9 may consider apprenticeship programs as a path to licensure if, in the dis-  
10 cretion of a licensing authority, apprenticeship is appropriate.