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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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RELATING TO BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONS -- PROFESSIONAL OR OCCUPATIONAL
LICENSE

Introduced By: Representatives Diaz, Felix, Slater, Giraldo, McNamara, and Tanzi

Date Introduced: February 15, 2023

Referred To: House Corporations

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Title 5 of the General Laws entitled "BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS"
2 is hereby amended by adding thereto the following chapter:

3 CHAPTER 93

4 PROFESSIONAL OR OCCUPATIONAL LICENSE INDEPENDENCE ACT

5 **5-93-1. Short title.**

6 This chapter shall be known and may be cited as the "Professional or Occupational License
7 Independence Act".

8 **5-93-2. Lawful presence requirement prohibited.**

9 Notwithstanding the provisions of any other general law, special law, rule, or regulation,
10 to the contrary, lawful presence in the United States shall not be required to obtain a professional
11 or occupational license, under this chapter or any other chapter of the general laws, provided, that
12 the applicant meets all other requirements for licensure.

13 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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EXPLANATION
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- 1 This act would enable undocumented immigrants to obtain a professional license as long
- 2 as all other requirements for licensure are met.
- 3 This act would take effect upon passage.

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