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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2026

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RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- DIVISION OF PROFESSIONAL
REGULATION

Introduced By: Representatives Fellela, Corvese, Azzinaro, J. Brien, and Edwards

Date Introduced: January 16, 2026

Referred To: House Labor

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

SECTION 1. Chapter 28-22 of the General Laws entitled "Division of Professional Regulation" is hereby amended by adding thereto the following section:

28-22-4. Retirement status license.

(a) Any person currently holding a license issued or overseen by the division of professional regulation who has attained the age of sixty-five (65) may renew their license as a retirement status license subject and pursuant to subsections (b) through (d) of this section.

(b) An applicant for a retirement status license shall submit their original license to the division of professional regulation, along with a form, to be provided by the division of professional regulation, for such classification, which shall contain a statement expressing the licensee's status as retired and acknowledging that the applicant shall not actively engage in the practice of the occupation or trade for which a license was originally issued, while possessing a retirement status license.

(c) A licensee issued a retirement status license shall not practice or offer to practice the occupation or trade for which a license was originally issued. The division of professional regulation and any licensing boards associated therewith are authorized to investigate violations of this provision in the same manner and bearing the same penalties as the unauthorized or unlicensed practice of a regulated occupation or trade.

(d) If the division of professional regulation issues a retirement status license pursuant to

1 this section, it shall return the original license submitted pursuant to subsection (b) of this section
2 to the applicant. Such original license shall bear a designation or be stamped “Retired”.

3 (e) The fee for a retirement status license shall be twenty dollars (\$20.00).

4 (f) A licensee issued a retirement status license may restore such licensee’s original license
5 by submitting a form, to be provided by the division of professional regulation, requesting
6 reinstatement by paying the then-current annual fee for such license, and demonstrating completion
7 of the most recent continuing education requirements or any other continuing or ongoing training
8 requirements applicable to the license, as though the licensee had remained in active status during
9 the year immediately preceding reinstatement.

10 (g) The division or professional regulation may, for good cause shown, grant a retirement
11 status license to a person who does not meet the requirements of subsection (a) of this section.

12 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect on January 1, 2027.

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EXPLANATION
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- 1 This act would create a new class of retirement status license for retirees that had possessed
2 a professional license issued by the division of professional regulation.
3 This act would take effect on January 1, 2027.

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