

SENATE BILL NO. 108

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

THIRTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY SENATOR MICCICHE

Introduced: 4/12/19

Referred: Labor and Commerce, Finance

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 **"An Act relating to employer-sponsored job training; relating to qualifications for a**
2 **professional or occupational license; and providing for an effective date."**

3 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:**

4 *** Section 1.** AS 08.01 is amended by adding a new section to read:

5 **Sec. 08.01.067. Employer-sponsored job training.** (a) Notwithstanding any
6 other provision of this title, a board established under this title and the department,
7 with respect to an occupation that the department regulates under this title, shall issue
8 an occupational license to an applicant who has

9 (1) completed eighth grade;

10 (2) completed an employer-sponsored job training plan approved under
11 AS 23.15.580(m);

12 (3) passed a licensing examination required by a board or the
13 department for an applicant who has completed an employer-sponsored job training
14 plan; if the board or the department does not require a licensing examination for other

1 applicants in the specific occupation, the board or the department may not require an
2 examination for an applicant who has completed an employer-sponsored job training
3 plan; the board or the department shall establish a passing score for the licensing
4 examination that is not higher than the passing score otherwise required for the
5 specific occupation; and

6 (4) paid a fee required by the board or the department.

7 (b) A board or the department may adopt regulations to implement this
8 section.

9 * **Sec. 2.** AS 23.15.580 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

10 (m) The board shall adopt standards for approval of an employer-sponsored
11 job training plan and revoke or suspend approval of an employer-sponsored job
12 training plan for failure to meet the standards. An employer-sponsored job training
13 plan may be completed under the supervision of a state-licensed practitioner or at a
14 state-licensed school. An employer-sponsored job training plan must

15 (1) satisfy the standards for an apprenticeship program under 29
16 U.S.C. 50 and regulations adopted under that statute, except that the board may
17 approve an employer-sponsored job training plan that provides for fewer hours of on-
18 the-job learning than required by 29 U.S.C. 50 and regulations adopted under that
19 statute; and

20 (2) satisfy other standards adopted by the board.

21 * **Sec. 3.** The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section to
22 read:

23 **TRANSITION: REGULATIONS.** The Department of Commerce, Community, and
24 Economic Development and the board that regulates an occupation may adopt regulations
25 necessary to implement the changes made by this Act. The regulations take effect under
26 AS 44.62 (Administrative Procedure Act), but not before the effective date of the relevant
27 provision of this Act implemented by the regulation.

28 * **Sec. 4.** This Act takes effect January 1, 2020.