



State of Tennessee

PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 788

HOUSE BILL NO. 1859

By Representatives Davis, Parkinson, Hardaway, Towns, Alexander, Eldridge

Substituted for: Senate Bill No. 1915

By Senators Niceley, Yager

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 62 and Title 63, relative to occupational licensing.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 63-1-130, is amended by adding the following as a new subsection:

(g) Notwithstanding another law, the licensing authority shall not use a vague term in its consideration and its notice or decision under this section, including good moral character or character and fitness, without also providing an explanation of how a prior conviction directly relates to the applicable occupation, profession, business, or trade, if such prior conviction serves as a basis for the licensing authority's consideration and notice or decision.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 62-76-104, is amended by adding the following as a new subsection:

(g) Notwithstanding another law, the licensing authority shall not use a vague term in its consideration and its notice or decision under this section, including good moral character or character and fitness, without also providing an explanation of how a prior conviction directly relates to the applicable occupation, profession, business, or trade, if such prior conviction serves as a basis for the licensing authority's consideration and notice or decision.

SECTION 3. This act takes effect July 1, 2024, the public welfare requiring it.

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PASSED: April 8, 2024



CAMERON SEXTON, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES



RANDY MCNALLY
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

APPROVED this 23rd day of April 2024



BILL LEE, GOVERNOR