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March 1, 2018

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
FOR
SENATE BILL NO. 1174

By: David

An Act relating to labor; limiting the authority of political subdivisions of this state to create new occupational fees or licensing requirements or to continue to regulate certain professions; requiring waiver of occupational fees and fees from licensing requirements for certain low-income individuals, military families and young workers; providing for codification; and providing an effective date.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 800 of Title 40, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. Limitation on new occupational fees or licensing regulations.

1. Beginning on November 1, 2018, a political subdivision of this state shall not impose any occupational fees or licensing requirements on any profession if the political subdivision does not already impose occupational fees or licensing requirements on that profession. Notwithstanding the above, the political subdivision may continue to so regulate any profession or occupation that is

1 subject to occupational fees or licensing requirements on or before
2 November 1, 2018, if the occupational fees do not exceed Twenty-five
3 Dollars (\$25.00) per year. If a profession is already subject to
4 political subdivision occupational fees that exceed Twenty-five
5 Dollars (\$25.00) per year, then the existing occupational fees
6 imposed do not apply and the licensing authority shall immediately
7 reduce occupational fees in accordance with the limits set by this
8 act.

9 2. With regard to professions subject to licensing requirements
10 imposed by a state licensing authority, a political subdivision of
11 this state shall not impose any regulations on such professions that
12 add additional licensing requirements to those already imposed by a
13 state licensing authority.

14 3. Beginning on November 1, 2018, if a state licensing
15 authority imposes any new licensing requirements on any profession
16 that was previously unregulated by the state, and if the political
17 subdivision regulates the profession when the state regulations take
18 effect, the political subdivision may not continue to require
19 occupational fees or licensing requirements for the profession on or
20 after the date when the state regulations take effect.

21 B. Waiver of Licensing Fees for Low-Income Individuals and
22 Military Families.

23 1. All state and political subdivision licensing authorities
24 shall waive all initial occupational fees and fees from licensing

1 requirements for low-income individuals. These initial fees shall
2 also be waived for military families, and young workers.

3 2. Individuals seeking a waiver of initial occupational fees
4 and fees from licensing requirements must apply to the appropriate
5 licensing authority in a format prescribed by the licensing
6 authority. The licensing authority shall process the application
7 within thirty (30) days of receiving it from the applicant.

8 3. The licensing authority shall adopt necessary rules for the
9 implementation of this section.

10 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2018.

11 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS, COMMERCE AND TOURISM
12 March 1, 2018 - DO PASS AS AMENDED
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