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Bill Analysis

SB 1708 creates the Criminal Records Review for Licensing Act. The measure prohibits any occupational licensing board from automatically barring an individual from the profession due to a criminal conviction. A board may only bar an individual from a profession if the individual was convicted of a non-excluded crime that is a felony or misdemeanor. A board may only deny an individual if the person committed a crime that directly or adversely impairs the profession regulated by the board.

The measure prohibits an occupational board from considering non-conviction information, convictions in which no sentences of incarceration were imposed, sealed convictions, juvenile records, non-violent misdemeanors, and non-violent and crimes that occurred 3 years prior to the board's consideration, excluding embezzlement crimes. Any denial, suspension, or revocation must be accompanied with strong evidence. Individuals so denied, suspended, or revoked may petition the decision. The Department of Labor is also directed by the measure to annually report on the number of denials, violations of the provisions of this measure, and approvals made by each board.

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