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Bill Analysis

SB 542 creates the Right to Earn a Living Act. The measure limits all occupational regulations to demonstrably necessary and carefully tailored policies designed to fulfill public health, safety or welfare objectives. Within one year of the measure's enactment, agencies will be required to review all occupational regulations and occupational licenses within their jurisdictions and to:

- 1) Articulate specific public health, safety or welfare objectives
- 2) Articulate why the regulation is needed for these objectives
- 3) Analyze the effects of the regulations 4) Compare the regulation to other states' regulations

Any regulation that fails to meet the listed requirements in the measure shall be repealed by the agency or shall require the agency to recommend to the Legislature actions needed to repeal the regulation. Any person may appeal to a state agency to repeal a regulation. State agencies must respond within ninety days of the request. Regardless of whether an appeal is pending, any person may also file an action with the courts to challenge a regulation as burdensome.

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