## SENATE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR SENATE BILL 137

54TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2020

AN ACT

RELATING TO OCCUPATIONS; CONFIRMING THAT A PERSON IS ELIGIBLE FOR OCCUPATIONAL OR PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE OR CERTIFICATION FOR WHICH THAT PERSON IS QUALIFIED, REGARDLESS OF THE PERSON'S CITIZENSHIP OR IMMIGRATION STATUS.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

- SECTION 1. [NEW MATERIAL] OCCUPATIONAL OR PROFESSIONAL LICENSES AND CERTIFICATION--QUALIFICATION.--
- A. It is the policy of this state that a person is eligible for occupational or professional licensure or certification for which that person is qualified, regardless of the person's citizenship or immigration status.
- B. No administrative rule or agency procedure shall be adopted or enforced that conflicts with the policy stated in Subsection A of this section.

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C. This section serves as the affirmation of eligibility in this state pursuant to 8 U.S.C. Section 1621(d) for persons not lawfully present in the United States to be licensed or certified.

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