HOUSE ENROLLED ACT No. 1467

AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning professions and occupations.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

SECTION 1. IC 25-2.1-1-6.2 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017]: Sec. 6.2. "Competency based learning" refers to systems of instruction, assessment, grading, and academic reporting that are based on individualized learning to allow an individual to demonstrate proficiency of professional development content, regardless of time, place, or pace of learning. The term may include:

(1) traditional hours based learning;
(2) competency based learning opportunities; or
(3) experiences designed to increase the licensee's professional competence.

SECTION 2. IC 25-2.1-1-7.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017]: Sec. 7.5. "Learning plan" refers to a set of learning outcomes that identify learning opportunities to be undertaken by a licensee to:

(1) maintain and improve professional competence; and
(2) fulfill the requirements set forth in IC 25-2.1-4-5.

SECTION 3. IC 25-2.1-1-10.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS

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[EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017]: Sec. 10.5. "Program of learning" refers to a collection of learning activities that are designed and intended as professional development and that maintain professional competency by achieving specific learning outcomes.

SECTION 4. IC 25-2.1-4-5, AS AMENDED BY P.L.112-2014, SECTION 18, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017]: Sec. 5. (a) Except as provided in subsection (e), to renew a certificate under this chapter an applicant must:

(1) complete one hundred twenty (120) hours of continuing professional education during a three (3) year period with a minimum of twenty (20) hours each year;

(2) complete other requirements as prescribed by the board, including competency based learning through professional development opportunities; or

(3) complete a combination of the criteria listed in subdivisions (1) and (2).

(b) If a licensee elects to renew a certificate under subsection (a)(3), the board may require the licensee to meet a minimum annual requirement each year.

(c) The board may prescribe the content, duration, and organization of continuing professional education courses or competency based learning through professional development opportunities that contribute to the general professional competence of the applicant.

(d) If a licensee elects to renew a license under subsection (a)(2) or (a)(3), the licensee must submit a learning plan to the board in the form and manner prescribed by the board not later than December 31 of the year prior to the renewal period.

(e) If a licensee desires to discontinue the practice of accountancy in Indiana, the licensee may select inactive or retired status on the renewal form. A licensee selecting inactive or retired status may renew a certificate under this chapter without completing the continuing professional education courses required by subsection (a).

(f) The board may establish the following:

(1) Prorated continuing professional education requirements to be met by applicants whose initial certificates were issued substantially less than three (3) years before the renewal date.

(2) Special lesser requirements to be met by applicants for certificate renewal whose prior certificates lapsed substantially before their applications for renewal or for an inactive or retired licensee who wishes to reactivate the licensee's license, when it

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would be inequitable to require a full compliance with all requirements of continuing professional education that would have been applicable to the period of lapse.
Speaker of the House of Representatives

President of the Senate

President Pro Tempore

Governor of the State of Indiana

Date: ________________ Time: ________________

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