



104TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

2025 and 2026

HB4794

by Rep. William "Will" Davis

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

New Act

Creates the Professional Apprenticeship Recognition Act. Defines terms. Provides that, notwithstanding any other provision of law, a person who applies to the Department of Financial and Professional Regulation for licensure in a profession or occupation and who submits proof of the person's completion of an apprenticeship program in the profession or occupation shall be exempt from any training or education requirements for initial licensure in the profession or occupation. Provides that the license exemption shall not apply to any continued training or continuing education requirements that are necessary for the maintenance or renewal of a license. Provides that an applicant who qualifies for the license exemption shall be subject to any other requirements established by the Department as long as those requirements are not more onerous than the requirements for applicants for the same profession or occupation who have not completed an apprenticeship.

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1 AN ACT concerning regulation.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 1. Short title. This Act may be cited as the
5 Professional Apprenticeship Recognition Act.

6 Section 5. Definitions. As used in this Act:

7 "Apprentice" means a person who meets the following
8 criteria:

9 (1) is at least 16 years of age, except when a higher
10 age is required by law;

11 (2) is employed in an apprenticeable occupation;

12 (3) is a resident of this State; and

13 (4) is registered in this State with the United States
14 Department of Labor's Office of Apprenticeship.

15 "Apprenticeship program" means a program registered with
16 the United States Department of Labor's Office of
17 Apprenticeship that has terms and conditions for the
18 qualification, recruitment, selection, employment, and
19 training of apprentices, including requiring a written
20 apprenticeship agreement for an apprenticeship.

21 "Department" means the Department of Financial and
22 Professional Regulation.

1 Section 10. Training and education requirement exemption
2 for apprentices.

3 (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a person
4 who applies to the Department for licensure in a profession or
5 occupation and who submits proof of the person's completion of
6 an apprenticeship program in that profession or occupation
7 shall be exempt from any training or education requirements
8 for initial licensure in that profession or occupation.

9 (b) This Section does not apply to any continued training
10 or continuing education requirements that are necessary for
11 the maintenance or renewal of a license. An applicant for
12 licensure in a profession or occupation who qualifies for the
13 exemption under subsection (a) shall be subject to any other
14 requirements established by the Department as long as those
15 requirements are not more onerous than the requirements for
16 applicants for the same profession or occupation who have not
17 completed an apprenticeship.