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SENATE DRS25138-MQ-64 (03/13)

Short Title: Occupational Licensing Reform Study. (Public)

Sponsors: Senator Hartsell (Primary Sponsor).

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO DIRECT THE LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH COMMISSION TO STUDY
3 REFORMS TO THE OPERATION AND OVERSIGHT OF OCCUPATIONAL
4 LICENSING BOARDS IN THIS STATE.

5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

6 **SECTION 1.** The Legislative Research Commission shall study the structure,
7 organization, and operation of the various independent occupational licensing boards. For the
8 purposes of this act, the term "occupational licensing board" has the same meaning as defined
9 in G.S. 93B-1. The Legislative Research Commission shall include the following within this
10 study:

- 11 (1) The feasibility of establishing a single State agency to oversee the
12 administration of all or some of the occupational licensing boards.
- 13 (2) The feasibility of combining administrative functions of all or some of the
14 occupational licensing boards, while allowing the boards to maintain
15 performance of their respective regulatory functions.
- 16 (3) The feasibility of combining occupational licensing boards with similar
17 regulatory functions.
- 18 (4) The feasibility of eliminating some occupational licensing boards, including
19 an assessment of the impact upon the health, safety, and welfare of the
20 public from any board eliminations.

21 **SECTION 2.** The Legislative Research Commission may make an interim report,
22 including recommended legislation, to the 2015 General Assembly when it reconvenes in 2016
23 and shall make its final report to the 2017 General Assembly when it convenes.

24 **SECTION 3.** This act is effective when it becomes law.

