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EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 2020-10

ENHANCING LICENSING FREEDOM:
ORGANIZATION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF SELF-GOVERNING AGENCIES

WHEREAS, I issued Executive Order 2017-06, the Licensing Freedom Act (LFA), on May 19, 2017, to spur the first comprehensive review of occupational licensure in more than 40 years; and

WHEREAS, the LFA report found at least 442 different occupational license types in Idaho, with at least 204,000 licensees, administered by 13 executive branch agencies and 47 boards and commissions; and

WHEREAS, occupational licensing is not centralized under any one agency, but the majority of license types are organized under 11 separate agencies within the Department of Self-Governing Agencies; and

WHEREAS, the LFA report highlighted the need to improve oversight of occupational licensure, following on the heels of the Federal Trade Commission's guidance on active state supervision of regulatory boards controlled by market participants; and

WHEREAS, the LFA report also identified opportunities to enhance consistency across occupational licensure by standardizing disciplinary processes, licensure efforts for veterans and military spouses, and honoraria, among others; and

WHEREAS, the 2019 Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic has further highlighted the necessity to streamline occupational licensing. To date, the State has waived more than 150 regulations to respond to COVID-19, primarily focused on licensure regulations to expand access to care, enhance mobility of licenses, and streamline renewal requirements; and

WHEREAS, the Idaho Legislature passed House Bill 318 on March 11, 2020, which provided authority to the Governor, under title 67, chapter 26, to assign certain self-governing agencies to divisions, sections, or units to provide an orderly arrangement in the administrative organization of state government; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to 67-2601(3), Idaho Code, the Division of Occupational and Professional Licenses (formerly the Bureau of Occupational Licenses) exists within the Department of Self-Governing Agencies.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Brad Little, Governor of the State of Idaho, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of this state, including but not limited to 67-2601(4), Idaho Code, do hereby order that:

1. The following entities, as set forth in 67-2601(2), are assigned to the Division of Occupational and Professional Licenses, in addition to those assigned to it by statute:

    a. Board of accountancy;
    b. Board of dentistry;

c. Board of licensure of professional engineers and professional land surveyors;
d. Board of medicine;
e. Board of nursing;
f. Outfitters and guides licensing board;
g. Board of pharmacy;
h. Real estate commission;
i. Board of veterinary medicine;
j. Division of building safety and its constituent boards:
    a. Building code board;
    b. Electrical board;
    c. Public works contractors license board;
    d. Plumbing board;
    e. Public works construction management;
    f. Heating, ventilation and air conditioning board; and
    g. Factory built structures advisory board.

2. The Division of Occupational and Professional Licenses shall be organized into the following three categories each led by a section chief appointed by the Division Administrator:
    a. Building, Construction, and Real Estate;
    b. Occupational Licenses; and
    c. Health Professions.

3. The Division Administrator, appointed by the Governor pursuant to 67-2603, Idaho Code, shall oversee the activities of the boards assigned to the Division of Occupational and Professional Licenses and shall, among other duties, be the individual responsible for submission of administrative rules request forms, budget documents, and strategic plans to the Division of Financial Management.

4. The Division Administrator shall establish a plan to coordinate the move of boards assigned to the Division of Occupational and Professional Licenses to a central office location so that Idahoans may access a one-stop shop for state licenses.

5. The Division Administrator shall establish a plan to seek efficiencies from the combined organization including, but not limited to, the consolidation of information technology systems across boards where practicable.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Idaho in Boise on this 3rd day of June in the year of our Lord two thousand and twenty.

BRAD LITTLE

GOVERNOR

LAWERENCE DENNEY

SECRETARY OF STATE