

By Senator Perry

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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to criminal history in professional
3 licensing applications; amending s. 455.213, F.S.;
4 revising the period of time when a conviction, or any
5 other adjudication, for a crime may not be grounds for
6 denial of licensure in specified professions; removing
7 a provision requiring good moral character for
8 licensure in such professions; requiring applicable
9 boards to approve certain educational program credits
10 offered to inmates in certain institutions or
11 facilities for purposes of satisfying training
12 requirements for licensure in specified professions;
13 providing an effective date.

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15 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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17 Section 1. Paragraph (b) of subsection (3) of section
18 455.213, Florida Statutes, is amended, and paragraph (f) is
19 added to that subsection, to read:

20 455.213 General licensing provisions.—

21 (3)

22 (b)~~1~~. A conviction, or any other adjudication, for a crime
23 more than 2 ~~5~~ years before the date the application is received
24 by the applicable board may not be grounds for denial of a
25 license specified in paragraph (a). For purposes of this
26 paragraph, the term "conviction" means a determination of guilt
27 that is the result of a plea or trial, regardless of whether
28 adjudication is withheld. This paragraph does not limit the
29 applicable board from considering an applicant's criminal

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history that includes a crime listed in s. 775.21(4)(a)1. or s. 776.08 at any time, but only if such criminal history has been found to relate to the practice of the applicable profession.

~~2. The applicable board may consider the criminal history of an applicant for licensure under subparagraph (a)3. if such criminal history has been found to relate to good moral character.~~

(f) The applicable board shall approve educational program credits offered to inmates in any correctional institution or correctional facility as vocational training or through an industry certification program for purposes of satisfying applicable training requirements for licensure in a profession under paragraph (a).

Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2022.