

HOUSE BILL 809

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AN ACT to create a special committee to study licensure and certification of certain professions and occupations.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. There is created a special committee to examine data from multiple sources, looking for evidence of duplication, redundancy, inefficiency and obsolescence in the licensure or certification of certain professions and occupations.

SECTION 2. The special committee shall look at all professions that are regulated by the state of Tennessee, except for those professions regulated by the Tennessee supreme court, to determine which professions can function without regulation by the state and not impair the public welfare. In addition, the special committee shall look at professions whose duties and responsibilities can be combined with other professions or can be reduced in scope.

SECTION 3. The committee shall consist of six (6) members. The governor shall appoint three (3) members, one (1) from each grand division of the state. The speaker of the senate and the speaker of the house of representatives shall jointly appoint three (3) members, one (1) from each grand division of the state. All members of the committee shall be consumers who are neither employed in nor have any other direct or indirect affiliation with any business or profession licensed by the state of Tennessee.

SECTION 4. All appropriate state agencies shall provide assistance to the special committee.

SECTION 5. The special committee shall be convened by the chief of staff of the senate. At its first meeting the special committee shall elect a chair, vice-chair, and such other officers the committee deems necessary.

SECTION 6. The chief of staff of the senate and the chief of staff of the house of representatives shall provide necessary assistance to the special committee, including providing information on using legislative facilities to facilitate their work.

SECTION 7. Members shall not receive per diem but shall be compensated for reasonable travel expenses. All reimbursement for travel expenses shall be in accordance with the comprehensive travel regulations as promulgated by the department of finance and administration and approved by the attorney general and reporter.

SECTION 8. The special committee shall report its findings and recommendations, including any proposed legislation to the governor and the general assembly by January 15, 2013, at which time the committee shall cease to exist.

SECTION 9. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.