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SYNOPSIS

Establishes quorum standards for professional licensing entities under certain circumstances.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



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1 AN ACT concerning the membership of certain State entities and
2 supplementing Title 45 of the Revised Statutes.

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4 **BE IT ENACTED** *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State*
5 *of New Jersey:*

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7 1. Notwithstanding any other law, rule, or regulation to the
8 contrary, the majority of the members present at a meeting of a
9 professional board, committee or other entity designated in section
10 1 of P.L.1971, c.60 (C.45:1-2.1), including at a meeting with two
11 members in attendance if one of the members in attendance is the
12 chair of the entity, shall constitute a quorum for the sole purpose of
13 processing applications for licensure that do not require legal
14 review due to adverse information in any statutorily-required
15 criminal history record background check if, after a 90-day period,
16 the entity is unable to achieve a quorum in accordance with the
17 statutory requirements governing that entity.

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19 2. If, upon expiration of this act, a board, committee, or entity
20 does not have the requisite number of members required to sustain a
21 quorum pursuant to the individual statute governing the board,
22 committee, or entity, the board, committee, or entity shall submit a
23 written report to the Legislature with a recommendation for another
24 board, committee, or entity with which it should be merged. The
25 report shall be submitted within 30 days of the expiration of section
26 1 of this act.

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28 3. This act shall take effect immediately. Section 1 of this act
29 shall expire one year after the effective date. Section 2 of this act
30 shall expire on the 31st day after the expiration of section 1.

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33 STATEMENT

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35 This bill updates current law by temporarily establishing, for one
36 year, that a quorum exists for the sole purpose of processing
37 applications for licensure with a majority of the members present at a
38 meeting of a professional board, committee or other entity, overseen
39 by the Division of Consumer Affairs in the Department of Law and
40 Public Safety or other State agency. This includes a meeting with two
41 members in attendance if one of those members is the chair of the
42 entity. This quorum standard is applicable to applications that do not
43 require legal review due to adverse information in any statutorily-
44 required criminal history record background check. The quorum
45 standard becomes applicable only if, after a 90-day period, the entity is
46 unable to achieve a quorum in accordance with statutory requirements
47 governing that entity.

1 After one year, if a board, committee, or entity does not have the
2 requisite number of members required to sustain a quorum pursuant to
3 the individual statute governing the board, committee, or entity, the
4 board, committee, or entity is to submit a written report to the
5 Legislature with a recommendation for another board, committee, or
6 entity with which it should be merged. The report is to be submitted
7 within 30 days of the expiration of the bill.