



State of Wisconsin
2025 - 2026 LEGISLATURE

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FOR 2025-2027 BUDGET -- NOT READY FOR INTRODUCTION

AN ACT ...; relating to: the budget.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

SAFETY AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE

Professional licenses for certain noncitizens

Currently, federal law prohibits all but certain noncitizens from receiving any “state or local public benefit,” which is defined to include any “professional license, or commercial license provided by an agency of a state or local government.” However, federal law allows states to explicitly allow eligibility for certain public benefits. This bill allows certain individuals who are not U.S. citizens to receive any professional license issued in this state if they meet all other requirements or qualifications for the professional license. For purposes of the bill, “professional license” means a license, registration, certification, or other approval to perform specific work tasks, whether issued by the state or a local governmental entity.

For further information see the state fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. 995.70 of the statutes is created to read:

995.70 Eligibility of certain individuals who are not U.S. citizens to receive professional licenses. (1) In this section, “professional license” means a license, registration, certification, or other approval to perform specific work tasks, whether issued by the state or a local governmental entity.

(2) Pursuant to [8 USC 1621](#) (d), an individual who is not a U.S. citizen is not

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ineligible to receive any professional license issued in this state because of the individual's citizenship status.

(3) Nothing in this section affects any requirement or qualification for an individual to obtain a professional license that is not related to the citizenship status of the individual.

(END)