



State of Tennessee

PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 332

SENATE BILL NO. 473

By Roberts

Substituted for: House Bill No. 979

By Calfee, Daniel, Moody, Terry, Harry Brooks, Mark White

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4; Title 5; Title 6; Title 7; Title 56, Chapter 1, Part 3; Title 62 and Title 63, relative to limiting the authority of political subdivisions of this state to create new occupational licensing requirements.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 62, Chapter 76, Part 1, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

(a) This section shall be known and may be cited as the "Freedom to Prosper Act."

(b) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, on and after July 1, 2017, no political subdivision may:

(1) Impose a licensing requirement on an individual's profession, trade, or occupation if the profession, trade, or occupation is subject to state licensing requirements unless the political subdivision imposed the licensing requirement prior to July 1, 2017; or

(2) Expand or increase any licensing requirement on an individual's profession, trade, or occupation if the licensing requirement existed prior to July 1, 2017, and the profession, trade, or occupation is subject to state licensing requirements.

(c) The prohibitions set out in subsection (b) do not apply to licensing requirements on or any other regulation of law enforcement officers, firefighters, emergency medical service providers, emergency rescue management providers, or any other type of first responder or emergency service provider.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2017, the public welfare requiring it.

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PASSED: May 1, 2017



RANDY McNALLY
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE



BETH HARWELL, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED this 9th day of May 2017



BILL HASLAM, GOVERNOR