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A Bill

SENATE BILL 646

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5 By: Senator C. Tucker
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For An Act To Be Entitled

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9 AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING OCCUPATIONAL AND
10 CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECKS; TO PROHIBIT THE
11 DISQUALIFICATION OF AN OCCUPATIONAL LICENSE BASED ON
12 A PRIOR CONVICTION OF AN OFFENSE IN CERTAIN
13 CIRCUMSTANCES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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18 AND CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECKS; AND TO
19 PROHIBIT THE DISQUALIFICATION OF AN
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21 CONVICTION OF AN OFFENSE IN CERTAIN
22 CIRCUMSTANCES
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24 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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26 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 17, Chapter 3 is amended to add an
27 additional section to read as follows:

28 17-3-105. Prohibited disqualification from licensure.

29 An individual shall not be disqualified from pursuing, practicing, or
30 engaging in any occupation or profession for which licensure is required
31 solely or in part because of a prior conviction of a crime, unless the crime
32 for which the individual was convicted directly relates to the duties and
33 responsibilities of the occupation or profession.
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