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SUMMARY

- Requires a state department, agency, or office that issues a license or another authorization to a person to practice a trade or profession to require applicants to apply through eLicense Ohio.
- Permits a department, agency, or office to adopt a policy allowing an applicant to apply for a license or another authorization using a paper application.

DETAILED ANALYSIS

Electronic license applications

The bill requires a state department, agency, or office that issues a license, certificate, registration, or other authorization to a person to practice a trade or profession to require an applicant for an initial license or another authorization to apply through the electronic licensing system (“eLicense Ohio”) maintained by the Department of Administrative Services (DAS). A department, agency, or office also may adopt a policy that allows a person to submit a paper application. If the department, agency, or office adopts such a policy under the bill, it cannot require a person to submit a paper application and must accept an electronic application submitted through eLicense Ohio.¹

DAS operates eLicense Ohio to provide online management for professional and occupational licenses in Ohio. State boards and commissions use eLicense Ohio to issue and manage licenses, and individuals are able to apply for and manage their licenses and receive notices from the licensing board or commission through the system. According to DAS, 23 state

¹ R.C. 4743.06, by reference to R.C. 125.18, not in the bill.

boards and commissions currently use eLicense Ohio to issue licenses.² Most, but not all, of these boards and commissions issue occupational licenses regulated under the Occupations and Professions Laws.³ The following table lists the boards and commissions that use eLicense Ohio.

State boards and commissions that use eLicense Ohio		
Accountancy Board	Architects Board and Ohio Landscape Architects Board	Ohio Casino Control Commission
Chemical Dependency Professionals Board	Chiropractic Board	State Cosmetology and Barber Board
Counselor, Social Worker, and Marriage and Family Therapist Board	State Dental Board	Department of Commerce Manufactured Homes Program
Department of Health Environmental Health Specialist Program	Board of Embalmers and Funeral Directors	State Board of Registration for Professional Engineers and Surveyors
State Medical Board	Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services	Motor Vehicle Repair Board
Board of Nursing	Ohio Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, and Athletic Trainers Board	State Board of Pharmacy
State Board of Psychology	State Speech and Hearing Professionals Board	State Veterinary Medical Licensing Board
State Vision Professionals Board	Department of Agriculture State Auctioneers Commission	

² See [eLicense Ohio Support](#), which may be accessed by clicking on “Support” at the bottom of the homepage of the eLicense Ohio website: elicense.ohio.gov.

³ R.C. Title XLVII.

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