



# Ohio Legislative Service Commission

## Bill Analysis

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### H.B. 213

131st General Assembly  
(As Introduced)

**Reps.** Brinkman, Hood, Boose, Becker, Brenner, Thompson, Terhar, Blessing, Vitale, Green, Zeltwanger

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## BILL SUMMARY

- Requires certain occupational or professional licenses, registrations, or certifications to be renewed biennially instead of annually as under current law.
- Permits online continuing education courses for certain types of licenses, registrations, and certifications.

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## CONTENT AND OPERATION

### Occupational license renewal

The bill requires the following occupational or professional licenses, registrations, and certifications that are currently renewed on an annual basis to be renewed biennially:

- A license issued under the Small Loan Act<sup>1</sup> to make loans at a single place of business;
- A mortgage loan originator license issued under the Second Mortgage Loan Act<sup>2</sup> or the Ohio Mortgage Brokers Act;<sup>3</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> R.C. 1321.01 to 1321.19.

<sup>2</sup> R.C. 1321.51 to 1321.60.

<sup>3</sup> R.C. 1322.01 to 1322.12.

- A promoter's, referee's, judge's, matchmaker's, timekeeper's, manager's, trainer's, contestant's, or second's license issued by the Ohio Athletic Commission;
- All special auctioneer's licenses or an apprentice auctioneer's license;
- A certificate of licensure to practice optometry issued by the State Board of Optometry;
- A dispensing optician or ophthalmologist license;
- A precious metals dealer's license;
- A license to practice as a pharmacist or pharmacy intern;
- A registration to be a wholesale distributor of dangerous drugs;
- A license to be a terminal distributor of dangerous drugs (a pharmacy);
- A license as a real estate broker or salesperson;
- A license as a foreign real estate dealer or salesperson;
- A certificate of registration as a sanitarian or a sanitarian-in-training;
- A specialty contractor license issued by the Ohio Construction Industry Licensing Board;
- A hearing aid dealer's or fitter's license;
- A license as a private investigator or security guard provider;
- A license as a nursing home administrator;
- A license to practice dietetics;
- A certification or license as a general or residential real estate appraiser;
- A license to practice orthotics, prosthetics, orthotics and prosthetics, or pedorthics.

The bill generally doubles the amount of continuing education hour requirements (if applicable) and the amount of the fee for issuance or renewal of a license, registration, or certificate to maintain the same amount of required continuing



education hours and issuance and renewal fee amounts as under current law per license, registration, or certification period.<sup>4</sup>

### **Online continuing education**

The bill allows licensees to take up to half of the required continuing education hours for the following types of licenses, registrations, or certifications online unless online continuing education is prohibited by the applicable governing entity in rule:

- A mortgage loan originator license issued under the Second Mortgage Loan Act or the Ohio Mortgage Brokers Act;
- A certificate of licensure to practice optometry issued by the State Board of Optometry;
- A dispensing optician or ocularist license;
- A pawnbroker's license;
- A license as a real estate broker or salesperson;
- A certificate of registration as a sanitarian;
- A specialty contractor license issued by the Ohio Construction Industry Licensing Board;
- A hearing aid dealer's or fitter's license;
- A license as a nursing home administrator;
- A license to practice dietetics;
- A state-certified general real estate appraiser, state-certified residential real estate appraiser, or state-licensed residential real estate appraiser;
- A license to practice orthotics, prosthetics, orthotics and prosthetics, or pedorthics.

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<sup>4</sup> R.C. 1321.05, 1321.08, 1321.20, 1321.52, 1321.532, 1321.536, 1322.041, 1322.052, 3773.36, 3773.42, 3773.43, 4707.071, 4707.10, 4725.16, 4725.17, 4725.171, 4725.34, 4725.51, 4727.03, 4727.19, 4728.03, 4729.11, 4729.12, 4729.15, 4729.52, 4729.54, 4735.06, 4735.09, 4735.14, 4735.27, 4735.29, 4736.11, 4736.12, 4740.04, 4740.05, 4740.06, 4747.05, 4747.06, 4749.03, 4749.031, 4751.06, 4751.07, 4759.06, 4759.08, 4763.05, 4763.06, 4763.07, 4763.08, 4763.09, 4779.19, and 4779.23.



The bill allows these licensees, registrants, and certificate holders to take more than half of the required continuing education hours for the above mentioned licenses, registrations, and certifications online if permitted by the applicable governing entity. The bill specifies that the bill's provisions relating to online continuing education hours do not require a governing entity to offer or permit online continuing education courses.<sup>5</sup>

### **Application of the bill's changes**

Under the bill the extension of the duration of occupational licenses and certifications applies to licenses and certifications that are issued or renewed on or after the bill's effective date. A license or certification in effect on the bill's effective date continues in effect until its existing expiration date, and any continuing education required for renewal is the amount in effect before the bill's effective date. The bill requires a governing board relating to a license or certification affected by the bill to revise its rules to comply with the changes made by the bill, if necessary.<sup>6</sup>

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## **HISTORY**

<b>ACTION</b>	<b>DATE</b>
Introduced	05-18-15

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<sup>5</sup> R.C. 1321.536(E), 1322.052(E), 4725.16(B), 4725.51(A)(5), 4727.19(F), 4735.141(B), 4736.11(F), 4740.06(K), 4747.06(C), 4751.07(A)(2), 4759.06(H), 4763.07(F), and 4779.23(C).

<sup>6</sup> Section 4.

