**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND ARTICLE 1, CHAPTER 1, TITLE 40 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO BOARD REGULATION OF PROFESSIONS AND OCCUPATIONS, BY ADDING SECTION 40-1-230, TO PROVIDE THAT A PERSON WHOSE PROFESSION OR OCCUPATION IS REGULATED BY THIS TITLE IS EXEMPT FROM COMPLETING CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS FOR HIS PROFESSION OR OCCUPATION UPON COMPLETION OF THIRTY YEARS OF LICENSURE, WHICH MAY INCLUDE LICENSURE FROM ANOTHER STATE.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of South Carolina:

SECTION 1. Article 1, Chapter 1, Title 40 of the 1976 Code is amended by adding:

“Section 40-1-230. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a person who has been licensed to perform his profession or occupation pursuant to this title for thirty years is exempt from completing continuing education requirements for his profession or occupation. Licensure from another state may be applied toward the thirty year requirement to be exempt from continuing education requirements. This section does not apply to licensees who have been suspended pursuant to Sections 40-1-110(1)(b) through 40-1-110(1)(l).”

SECTION 2. This act takes effect upon approval by the Governor.

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