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12/9/2020 House Referred to Committee on **Labor, Commerce and Industry**

1/12/2021 House Introduced and read first time ([House Journal‑page 128](file:///h:\hj\20210112.docx))

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1/14/2021 House Member(s) request name added as sponsor: J.L.Johnson

2/25/2021 House Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Cogswell

3/18/2021 House Committee report: Favorable with amendment **Labor, Commerce and Industry** ([House Journal‑page 5](file:///h:\hj\20210318.docx))

4/6/2021 House Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Caskey, Matthews, S.Williams, Anderson

4/6/2021 House Amended ([House Journal‑page 63](file:///h:\hj\20210406.docx))

4/6/2021 House Read second time ([House Journal‑page 63](file:///h:\hj\20210406.docx))

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4/7/2021 House Read third time and sent to Senate ([House Journal‑page 11](file:///h:\hj\20210407.docx))

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4/7/2021 Senate Referred to Committee on **Labor, Commerce and Industry** ([Senate Journal‑page 4](file:///h:\sj\20210407.docx))

5/6/2021 Senate Recalled from Committee on **Labor, Commerce and Industry** ([Senate Journal‑page 2](file:///h:\sj\20210506.docx))

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AMENDED

March 15, 2021

**H. 3243**

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Read the first time April 7, 2021.

**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 41‑1‑35 SO AS TO PROVIDE PEOPLE WHO ARE LAWFULLY PRESENT IN THIS STATE AND ARE NOT PRECLUDED FROM ESTABLISHING RESIDENCY UNDER FEDERAL IMMIGRATION LAW MAY ESTABLISH RESIDENCY AND BE ELIGIBLE FOR OCCUPATIONAL OR PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THIS CHAPTER, PROVIDED OTHER LICENSURE REQUIREMENTS ARE MET.

Amend Title To Conform

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 40‑1‑35. A person who:

(1) has a current and valid employment authorization approved by federal immigration authorities;

(2) came to the United States before reaching his eighteenth birthday;

(3) has continuously and presently resided in the United States since initially arriving in the country;

(4) was physically present within the United States at the time a request was made for consideration of deferred action with the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services;

(5) has not been convicted of a felony or three or more misdemeanors; and

(6) does not otherwise pose a threat to national security or public safety;

shall be eligible for occupational or professional licensure under the provisions of this title provided all other applicable occupational or professional requirements are met.”

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

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