

REDUCING OHIO'S LICENSING BURDEN

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WHY IT MATTERS

- In 2018, Ohio had 43,000 fewer jobs due to occupational licensing.¹
- 18% of residents in Ohio require an occupational license in order to earn a living in their chosen profession.³
- Burdensome licensure laws drive up prices without improving the quality of services. The cost of hiring a licensed worker is 15% higher than an unlicensed worker with the same level of experience doing the same job.³
- Entrepreneurs looking to enter an industry or expand an existing business are stifled by these artificial limits.

OHIO ranks

20TH
in the
NATION

for burdensome
LICENSING LAWS²

FIXING THE SYSTEM

IT'S TIME FOR OHIO TO END ITS PERMISSION SLIP POLICY ON JOBS

1

REMOVE REGULATIONS

Codify that Ohio will seek the least restrictive regulation when it comes to promoting real and definable public safety concerns.

2

ESTABLISH SUNSET REVIEWS

Provide for a regular sunset review of current Ohio boards and commissions that license occupations.

3

ASSESS NEW LEGISLATION

Provide for a sunrise review to determine whether new licensing legislation meets or runs afoul of the least restrictive regulation.

BI-PARTISAN CONSENSUS

Both Democratic and Republican administrations have called for reducing these burdensome licensing requirements.

BARBERS
ARE LOSING



420

CAREER
WORK DAYS

350

CAREER
WORK DAYS

LOST BY
COSMETOLOGISTS



35

CAREER
WORK DAYS

LOST BY
EMTs

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¹ Calculation based on information in Professor Morris Kleiner's February 2, 2016, testimony before the U.S. Senate Committee on the Judiciary.
² Dick M. Carpenter, II, Ph.D., Lisa Knepper, Kyle Sweetland, Jennifer McDonald, License to Work, 2nd Edition, Institute for Justice, Nov 13, 2017.
³ Morris M. Kleiner, Reforming Occupational Licensing Policies, The Hamilton Project, January 2015.