ZERO BARRIERS REDUCING OHIO'S OCCUPATIONAL LICENSING BURDEN

IMAGINE

Laura grew up in rural Ohio.



Laura moves to North Carolina for college and better job opportunities. Laura's occupational license allows her to practice her trade in North Carolina. Laura moves back home to Ohio.

Laura discovers that her occupational license will not transfer to Ohio. She will have to pay for more training, take more tests,



pay more fees, and wait almost a year before working in Ohio.

WHY IT MATTERS

Burdensome Licensing Requirements Hurt Ohioans and Make Ohio a Less Attractive Place to Live

18% of Ohio residents require an occupational license to earn a living in their chosen profession.¹

In 2018, **Ohio** had 67,000 fewer jobs due to occupational licensing.² Ohio is losing workers and ranks in the top 10 for more people moving out of the state than moving into the state.³

According to the U.S. Census Bureau, Ohio will see a decline in population in the 2020s.⁴

THE SOLUTION

Universal Occupational Licensing Recognition Will Allow Laura and Others to Live Out Their Dreams in Ohio and Will Fuel the Economic Growth Our State Desperately Needs



Establish Universal Recognition

Make Ohio a national leader by allowing people with occupational licenses from other states to easily be licensed in Ohio.⁵



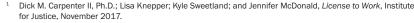
Make Sure Years of Work Count Towards Earning a License

If a person has at least 3 years of experience working in a state that doesn't require a license for a job, but Ohio does, he or she should still be able to get an Ohio license.

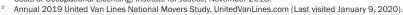


Ensure Public Safety

People who get a license through recognition must prove they are in good standing in all the states where they are licensed, and they will still need to pass a background check.



² Morris M. Kleiner and Evgeny S. Vorotnikov, At What Cost?: State and National Estimates of the Economic Costs of Occupational Licensing, Institute for Justice, November 2018.



- States—Population Projections, Census.gov (Last visited January 9, 2020).
- Arizona was the first state in the nation to adopt universal reciprocity.

