

New law prohibits a person from being disqualified or ineligible to engage in a licensed trade or profession solely because of a prior criminal record, except if a conviction directly relates to the position of employment.

Existing law excepts the following entities; however, allows entities to adopt the policy:

- (1) Law enforcement agencies.
- (2) La. State Board of Medical Examiners.
- (3) La. State Board of Dentistry.
- (4) La. State Board of Nursing.
- (5) La. State Board of Practical Nursing Examiners.
- (6) State Racing Commission.
- (7) State Athletic Commission.
- (8) La. State Board of Pharmacy.
- (9) La. State Bar Association.
- (10) La. Professional Engineering and Land Surveying Board.
- (11) La. State Board of Architectural Examiners.
- (12) La. State Board of Private Investigator Examiners.
- (13) La. State Board of Embalmers and Funeral Directors.
- (14) La. State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education.
- (15) Office of alcohol and tobacco control of Dept. of Revenue.

New law adds the office of financial institutions, the La. Physical Therapy Board, and the La. Board of Massage Therapy to those entities excepted.

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