

HOUSE BILL No. 6086

July 21, 2004, Introduced by Reps. Ruth Johnson, LaJoy and Voorhees and referred to the Committee on Regulatory Reform.

A bill to provide for occupational regulatory agencies to allow the use of on-line or other electronic continuing education or continuing competency programs under certain circumstances; to provide for certain powers and duties for certain state regulatory agencies; and to provide for the promulgation of rules.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 1. This act shall be known and may be cited as the
2 "on-line continuing education act".

3 Sec. 2. As used in this act:

4 (a) "License" means a certificate, registration, or license
5 issued by an occupational regulatory agency that allows an
6 individual to engage in a regulated occupation or that allows an
7 individual to use a specific title in the practice of an
8 occupation, profession, or vocation.

1 (b) "Occupational regulatory agency" means a department,
2 bureau, or agency of this state that has regulatory authority
3 over a regulated occupation.

4 (c) "Regulated occupation" means an occupation, profession,
5 or vocation that requires a license as a predicate for the
6 practice of the occupation, profession, or vocation or that
7 provides for the use of a specific title in the practice of the
8 occupation, profession, or vocation.

9 Sec. 3. (1) Except as otherwise provided for in a specific
10 act concerning a regulated occupation, the occupational
11 regulatory agency requiring a program of continuing education or
12 continuing professional competency for renewal of a license shall
13 allow at least 1/2 of the required credit hours of continuing
14 education or continuing professional competency be earned through
15 an on-line or electronic media meeting standards acceptable to
16 the occupational regulatory agency.

17 (2) An occupational regulatory agency may promulgate rules
18 under the administrative procedures act of 1969, 1969 PA 306, MCL
19 24.201 to 24.328, to implement this act.

20 Sec. 4. This act takes effect July 1, 2005.