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Senate, No. 3145 (*First Reprint*)

1 AN ACT concerning the names required on applications for  
2 professional and occupational licensure and supplementing  
3 P.L.1978, c.73 (C.45:1-21 et seq.).  
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5 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State  
6 of New Jersey:  
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8 1. a. An application to be completed for a professional or  
9 occupational license, certificate of registration, or certification, or  
10 renewal, reactivation, or reinstatement of a professional or  
11 occupational license, certificate of registration, or certification,  
12 shall include:

13 (1) a line for the applicant to list a professional name;

14 (2) a line for the individual to list a legal name, if different from  
15 the professional name; and

16 (3) the ability for the applicant to choose which of the names is  
17 to appear on the license, certificate of registration or certification.

18 b. Notwithstanding any law, rule, or regulation to the contrary,  
19 **1** **[this section] the provisions of this section<sup>1</sup>** shall apply to every  
20 applicant for or holder of a professional or occupational license,  
21 certificate of registration, or certification issued, renewed,  
22 reactivated, or reinstated by a board specified in section 2 of  
23 P.L.2013, c. 253 (C.45:1-15)<sup>1</sup>, or by any principal department of the  
24 Executive Branch of State government or any entity within any  
25 department or any other entity hereafter created to license or  
26 otherwise regulate a profession or occupation<sup>1</sup>.  
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28 2. This act shall take effect on the first day of the sixth month  
29 next following enactment, except that anticipatory administrative  
30 action in advance may be taken as necessary for the implementation  
31 of this act.  
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36 Concerns names required on applications for professional and  
37 occupational licensure.

**EXPLANATION** – Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets **[thus]** in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

Matter enclosed in superscript numerals has been adopted as follows:

<sup>1</sup>Senate SCM committee amendments adopted January 21, 2021.

# SENATE, No. 3145

## STATE OF NEW JERSEY 219th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED NOVEMBER 5, 2020

**Sponsored by:**

**Senator LINDA R. GREENSTEIN**

**District 14 (Mercer and Middlesex)**

**Senator NELLIE POU**

**District 35 (Bergen and Passaic)**

**SYNOPSIS**

Concerns names required on applications for professional and occupational licensure.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As introduced.



(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 11/16/2020)

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29 STATEMENT  
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38 individual to list a legal name, if different from the professional  
39 name, and the ability for the individual to choose which name is to  
40 appear on the license, certificate of registration, or certificate.

41 This bill allows individuals who practice a specific profession or  
42 occupation by one name to retain that name should the individual's  
43 legal name change. Allowing an individual who has built a business  
44 under one name to continue using it even if the surname of the  
45 individual legally changes will prevent confusion among consumers  
46 who are clients of that individual. It will also allow the individual to  
47 forgo any additional costs required to obtain an updated license,  
48 certificate of registration, or certification, and to update any  
49 business website, advertising, or marketing.

# SENATE COMMERCE COMMITTEE

## STATEMENT TO

### **SENATE, No. 3145**

with committee amendments

# **STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

DATED: JANUARY 21, 2021

The Senate Commerce Committee reports favorably and with committee amendments Senate Bill No. 3145.

As amended, this bill clarifies current State policy requiring an individual to list a legal name on an application when initially applying for or renewing, reactivating, or reinstating a professional or occupational license, certificate of registration, or certificate.

The bill requires applications for a professional and occupational license, certificate of registration, or certificate to include a line allowing an individual to list a professional name, a line for the individual to list a legal name, if different from the professional name, and the ability for the individual to choose which name is to appear on the license, certificate of registration, or certificate.

This bill allows individuals who practice a specific profession or occupation by one name to retain that name should the individual's legal name change. Allowing an individual who has built a business under one name to continue using it even if the surname of the individual legally changes will prevent confusion among consumers who are clients of that individual. It will also allow the individual to forgo any additional costs required to obtain an updated license, certificate of registration, or certification, and to update any business website, advertising, or marketing.

The bill's provisions would apply to individuals in professions or occupations regulated by the Division of Consumer Affairs in the Department of Law and Public Safety or a profession or occupation regulated by another State entity.

#### COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS:

The committee amended the bill to add language so that the provisions of the bill apply to individuals licensed, registered, or certified by the Division of Consumer Affairs or another State entity that licenses or otherwise regulates a profession or occupation.

# ASSEMBLY, No. 2308

## STATE OF NEW JERSEY 219th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED JANUARY 27, 2020

**Sponsored by:**

**Assemblywoman VALERIE VAINIERI HUTTLE**

**District 37 (Bergen)**

**Assemblyman GORDON M. JOHNSON**

**District 37 (Bergen)**

**SYNOPSIS**

Concerns names required on applications for professional and occupational licensure.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As introduced.



**(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 10/19/2020)**

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# ASSEMBLY REGULATED PROFESSIONS COMMITTEE

## STATEMENT TO

### ASSEMBLY, No. 2308

# STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: OCTOBER 8, 2020

The Assembly Regulated Professions Committee reports favorably Assembly Bill No. 2308.

This bill clarifies current State policy requiring an individual to list a legal name on an application when initially applying for or renewing, reactivating, or reinstating a professional or occupational license, certificate of registration, or certificate.

The bill requires applications for a professional and occupational license, certificate of registration, or certificate to include a line allowing an individual to list a professional name, a line for the individual to list a legal name, if different from the professional name, and the ability for the individual to choose which name is to appear on the license, certificate of registration, or certificate.

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ASSEMBLY APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

**ASSEMBLY, No. 2308**

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

DATED: OCTOBER 26, 2020

The Assembly Appropriations Committee reports favorably Assembly Bill No. 2308.

This bill clarifies current State policy requiring an individual to list a legal name on an application when initially applying for or renewing, reactivating, or reinstating a professional or occupational license, certificate of registration, or certificate.

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FISCAL IMPACT:

This bill is not certified as requiring a fiscal note.

STATEMENT TO  
**ASSEMBLY, No. 2308**

with Assembly Floor Amendments  
(Proposed by Assemblywoman VAINIERI HUTTLE)

ADOPTED: MARCH 1, 2021

These amendments provide that the provisions of the bill apply to individuals licensed, registered, or certified by the Division of Consumer Affairs or another State entity that licenses or otherwise regulates a profession or occupation.

# Governor Murphy Takes Action on Legislation

05/11/2021

**TRENTON** – Today, Governor Murphy signed the following bills into law:

**S-767/A-4552 (Gopal, Greenstein/Houghtaling, Benson, Tully)** – Exempts New Jersey Infrastructure Bank projects from certain local bond requirements

**S-942/A-2890 (Singleton/Lopez, Chiaravalloti, Timberlake)** – Requires certain standards for professional and occupational boards considering applicants with criminal history records

**S-1937/A-1597 (Madden, Sweeney/Mejia, Timberlake, Vainieri Huttie)** – Establishes Task Force to Promote Employment by State Agencies of People with Disabilities

**S-2486/A-4264 (Sweeney/Taliaferro, Lampitt, Vainieri Huttie)** – Establishes Clayton Model Pilot Program in DOE to provide school-based social emotional learning to students in grades kindergarten through five at certain public schools

**S-2728/A-4835 (Sweeney, A.M. Bucco/Verrelli, Burzichelli, Wirths)** – Adds two members to State Board of Examiners of Heating, Ventilating, Air Conditioning and Refrigeration (HVACR) Contractors

**S-2832/A-5295 (Ruiz, Beach/Quijano, Lampitt)** – Allows student enrolled in institution of higher education who has completed 30 semester-hour credits to serve as substitute teacher; extends time period substitute teacher may serve during public health emergency

**S-3145/A-2308 (Greenstein, Pou/Vainieri Huttie, Johnson, Downey)** – Concerns names required on applications for professional and occupational licensure

**S-3198/A-5078 (Codey, Gopal/Dancer, Caputo)** – Extends time outstanding parimutuel ticket may be claimed from six months to 12 months; allows additional time to claim outstanding parimutuel tickets and unclaimed cash vouchers due to Public Health Emergency

**S-3234/A-5149 (Singleton, A.M. Bucco/Greenwald, Benson, Johnson)** – Allows deduction from tax of certain expenses when taxpayer's federal paycheck protection program loan is forgiven and excludes those forgiven loans from gross income tax

Governor Murphy conditionally vetoed the following bills:

**S-853/A-5064 (Sweeney, Beach/Verrelli, Giblin, Danielsen)** – **CONDITIONAL** – "New Jersey Buy American Act"; requires certain State agency highway and bridge construction contracts to include iron and steel products made in U.S.

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**S-890/A-1061 (Pou, Codey/Jasey, Johnson, Verrelli)** – **CONDITIONAL** – Requires DOH and DHS to identify and take appropriate steps to secure federal sources of funding to support maternal mental health

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**S-1676/A-3326 (Smith, Vitale/Conaway, Reynolds-Jackson, Vainieri Huttle) – CONDITIONAL** – Allows hospitals to construct housing and provide wrap-around services for individuals who are homeless or housing insecure

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