

# SENATE BILL No. 1323

May 11, 2010, Introduced by Senator PATTERSON and referred to the Committee on Economic Development and Regulatory Reform.

A bill to amend 1980 PA 299, entitled  
"Occupational code,"  
by amending sections 302, 303a, 313, and 401 (MCL 339.302,  
339.303a, 339.313, and 339.401), section 303a as amended by 2006  
PA 489 and section 401 as amended by 1988 PA 463, and by adding  
article 8.

## THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1       Sec. 302. (1) The governor shall appoint an individual as a  
2 member of a board with the advice and consent of the senate,  
3 including an individual appointed to fill a vacancy on a board.  
4 In making an appointment, the governor shall seek nominations  
5 from a wide range of interested groups and persons, including

1 appropriate professional associations, consumer associations,  
 2 labor unions, and other organizations or individuals.

3 (2) NOTWITHSTANDING SUBSECTION (1), MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF  
 4 MICHIGAN REGISTERED REPORTERS THAT ARE REQUIRED TO BE REGISTERED  
 5 UNDER ARTICLE 8 PURSUANT TO SECTION 301 SHALL BE MEMBERS OF A  
 6 GENERALLY RECOGNIZED MEDIA OR PRESS ASSOCIATION OR ORGANIZATION,  
 7 AS DETERMINED BY THE DEPARTMENT.

8 Sec. 303a. The terms provided for in this act shall commence  
 9 on the following dates:

10	Accountancy	July 1
11	Architects	April 1
12	Auctioneers	October 1
13	Barbers	October 1
14	Collection agencies	July 1
15	Community planners	July 1
16	Cosmetology	January 1
17	Employment agencies	October 1
18	Foresters	April 1
19	Hearing aid dealers	October 1
20	Land surveyors	April 1
21	Landscape architects	July 1
22	Mortuary science	July 1
23	Professional engineers	April 1
24	Real estate appraisers	July 1
25	Real estate brokers and salespersons	July 1
26	<b>REPORTER</b>	<b>APRIL 1</b>
27	Residential builders	April 1

28 Sec. 313. (1) A board shall recommend to the department

1 whether to grant licensure to a school, institution, or other  
2 person or approval or recognition of a program which offers  
3 training or education in the occupation for which the board is  
4 created, unless it is the board's function to grant the  
5 licensure, approval, or recognition.

6 (2) Before recommending the licensure, approval, or  
7 recognition of a school, institution, or other person or a  
8 program, a board shall ascertain whether the school, institution,  
9 or other person or program provides the type of training which  
10 will provide a graduate with the knowledge and skills required to  
11 perform the occupation with competence.

12 (3) **THE BOARD SHALL ISSUE A REGISTRATION UNDER ARTICLE 8.**

13 Sec. 401. ~~The~~ **EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED IN A SPECIFIC**  
14 **ARTICLE, THE** specific amounts to be charged for licenses,  
15 registrations, and other activities provided for in this act  
16 shall be as prescribed in the state license fee act, ~~Act No. 152~~  
17 ~~of the Public Acts of 1979, being sections 338.2201 to 338.2277~~  
18 ~~of the Michigan Compiled Laws 1979 PA 152, MCL 338.2201 TO~~  
19 ~~338.2277.~~

## 20 ARTICLE 8

21 SEC. 801. AS USED IN THIS ARTICLE:

22 (A) "MEDIA" MEANS ANY ELECTRONIC OR WRITTEN MEDIUM,  
23 INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, NEWSPAPERS, TELEVISION, RADIO, AND  
24 INTERNET.

25 (B) "REPORTER" MEANS AN INDIVIDUAL ENGAGING IN ANY OF THE  
26 FOLLOWING ACTIVITIES OVER THE MEDIA:

27 (i) WRITES A STORY THAT IS PUBLISHED IN A NEWSPAPER OR ON AN

1 INTERNET WEBSITE.

2 (ii) WRITES OR READS A STORY BROADCAST ON THE RADIO.

3 (iii) ACTS AS THE REPORTER FOR A STORY BROADCAST ON TELEVISION  
4 OR ON AN INTERNET WEBSITE.

5 (iv) WRITES AN EDITORIAL WITH OR WITHOUT A BYLINE THAT IS  
6 PUBLISHED IN A NEWSPAPER OR ON AN INTERNET WEBSITE.

7 (v) PROVIDES AN OPINION OR COMMENTARY PIECE, WITH OR WITHOUT  
8 A BYLINE, THAT IS BROADCAST ON THE RADIO, TELEVISION, OR  
9 INTERNET.

10 SEC. 803. THERE IS CREATED A BOARD OF MICHIGAN REGISTERED  
11 REPORTERS.

12 SEC. 805. (1) THE BOARD MAY ISSUE A REGISTRATION TO AN  
13 INDIVIDUAL SUBMITTING A COMPLETED APPLICATION ACCOMPANIED BY THE  
14 APPROPRIATE REGISTRATION FEE. THE APPLICATION SHALL DEMONSTRATE  
15 ELIGIBILITY FOR REGISTRATION UNDER THE REQUIREMENTS DESCRIBED IN  
16 THIS SECTION.

17 (2) IN ORDER TO QUALIFY, AN APPLICANT SHALL COMPLY WITH THE  
18 FOLLOWING:

19 (A) BE OF GOOD MORAL CHARACTER AND DEMONSTRATE, BY A SIGNED  
20 STATEMENT, KNOWLEDGE OF ANY ACCEPTABLE INDUSTRYWIDE ETHICS  
21 STANDARDS ACCEPTABLE TO THE BOARD.

22 (B) DEMONSTRATE ANY OF THE FOLLOWING IN THE FORM OF A RESUME  
23 OR OTHER FORMAT ACCEPTABLE TO THE DEPARTMENT:

24 (i) POSSESSION OF A DEGREE IN JOURNALISM OR OTHER DEGREE  
25 SUBSTANTIALLY EQUIVALENT TO SUCH A DEGREE, AS DETERMINED BY THE  
26 DEPARTMENT.

27 (ii) NOT LESS THAN 3 YEARS' EXPERIENCE AS A REPORTER OR ANY

1 OTHER RELEVANT BACKGROUND INFORMATION.

2 (iii) AWARDS OR RECOGNITION RELATED TO BEING A REPORTER.

3 (iv) NOT FEWER THAN 3 WRITING SAMPLES.

4 (v) BEGINNING 2 YEARS AFTER THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THE  
5 AMENDATORY ACT THAT ADDED THIS ARTICLE, AT LEAST 1 LETTER OF  
6 RECOMMENDATION FROM AN INDIVIDUAL ACTIVELY ENGAGED AS A  
7 REGISTERED REPORTER.

8 (C) PAY THE APPLICATION FEE AND SUBMIT THE APPROPRIATE  
9 REGISTRATION FEE.

10 SEC. 807. (1) AN APPLICANT FOR REGISTRATION UNDER THIS  
11 ARTICLE SHALL SUBMIT A REGISTRATION FEE OF \$10.00.

12 (2) A REGISTRATION UNDER THIS ARTICLE SHALL BE ISSUED BY THE  
13 BOARD FOR A TERM OF 2 YEARS.

14 SEC. 809. A PERSON SHALL NOT USE THE TERM "MICHIGAN  
15 REGISTERED REPORTER" UNLESS HE OR SHE IS REGISTERED UNDER THIS  
16 ARTICLE. HOWEVER, A PERSON IS NOT REQUIRED TO BECOME REGISTERED  
17 UNDER THIS ARTICLE TO BE EMPLOYED AS, OR USE, THE GENERIC LABEL  
18 OR TITLE OF REPORTER, BROADCASTER, MEMBER OF THE MEDIA, OR OTHER  
19 SIMILAR TERM.