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According to irs.gov, an individual taxpayer identification number (ITIN) helps those not eligible for social security numbers comply with tax laws. They are issued regardless of immigration status, because both residents and nonresidents may have a U.S. filing requirement under the Internal Revenue Code. ITINs do not serve any purpose other than federal tax reporting. An ITIN does not authorize work in the United States or provide eligibility for social security benefits. ITINs allow the IRS to bring in billions of dollars the federal government would otherwise have no way of collecting.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

The license types affected include pawnbrokers, insurers and adjusters, bail bondsmen, employee leasing contractors, optometrists, certain medical licenses by endorsement, physical therapists, collection agencies, home inspectors, real estate brokers, and real estate appraisers and trainees.

SB219 includes physicians who apply by endorsement with the NMMB. According to the NMMB, licensure by endorsement is for physicians who have practiced for three years and are board certified, amongst other requirements. The NMMB licenses physicians by examination as well, which is for those who have not practiced in the United States but have passed all examinations. It is unclear why one type of license would be exempted (endorsement) but not the other (examination). Additionally, NMMB has other license types, such as telemedicine license, post-graduate training license, and temporary physician license, which would still require proof of citizenship.

CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP

Relates to SB279, Osteopathic Medicine Changes, proposing to eliminate the requirement of submitting proof of citizenship or legal residency upon application for all NMMB's license types.

SB60 removes the requirement that physical therapists provide proof of legal authorization to reside and seek employment in the U.S. and eliminates English proficiency requirements.

OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES

By law you cannot have both an ITIN and a social security number.

AMENDMENTS

NMMB also licenses other healthcare professionals, physician assistants, naturopathic physicians, genetic counselors, anesthesiologist assistants, doctors of naprapathy, naturopathic doctors. NMMB would propose to amend this bill to add all of the board's license types.

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