

Licensing & Reciprocity 2016

Here is something for you to think about as groups begin to develop legislative agendas: Licensing and reciprocity in NC. Had you given any thought as to how licensing and reciprocity might be hurting entrepreneurs who are seeking to start businesses in your areas? How easy or hard are we making it for those who move to our area to practice a profession for which they were licensed in other state? What about the spouses of the military? How hard are we making it for them to practice their professions in NC when they move here with their military spouse? How hard do we make it for those exiting the military to practice skills they learned in the military without it costing them an arm and a leg in terms of money or time? Overall what should be the state's role? Does licensing really protect the public as claimed? Is this just another tax? Questions for you to ponder. Below is a list of articles and studies, some specific to NC. As an individual interested in economic development, I would encourage you to be informed on this topic.

2007 Reason Institute study: Occupational Licensing: Ranking the states and exploring alternatives

<http://reason.org/files/762c8fe96431b6fa5e27ca64eaa1818b.pdf>

Wikipedia general information and issues on reciprocity:

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Occupational_licensing

2012 article on NC licensing: Guild by association

<http://www.johnlocke.org/newsletters/research/2012-10-12-6ovhm97bsq31ibrigo5ai5lmv05-regulation-update.html>

2015 Whitehouse White Paper: Occupational licensure: A framework for policy makers

<http://fee.org/freeman/does-occupational-licensing-protect-consumers/>

2013 Civitas: Held back by red tape: occupational licensing in NC

<https://www.nccivitas.org/2012/held-back-by-red-tape-occupational-licensing-in-north-carolina/>

2012 Institute for Justice: License to Work: A national study of the burdens from occupational licensing

https://www.ij.org/images/pdf_folder/economic_liberty/occupational_licensing/licensetowork.pdf

2015 WSJ article: Wisconsin moves to rein in the licensing game

<http://www.wsj.com/articles/wisconsin-moves-to-rein-in-the-licensing-game-1446238057>

2015 Union Watch article: Right to work 2.0

<http://unionwatch.org/right-to-work-2-0/>