



LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF IDAHO



Sixty-fifth Legislature

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IN THE _____

BILL NO. _____

BY _____

AN ACT

RELATING TO CERTIFIED SHORTHAND REPORTERS; AMENDING SECTION 54-3107, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE PROVISIONS REGARDING EXAMINATION AND TO MAKE A TECHNICAL CORRECTION; AMENDING SECTION 54-3108, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE FOR A NEW TYPE OF EXAMINATION AND TO MAKE TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS; AND AMENDING CHAPTER 31, TITLE 54, IDAHO CODE, BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SECTION 54-3109A, IDAHO CODE, TO ESTABLISH PROVISIONS REGARDING CERTIFICATION BY ENDORSEMENT.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Idaho:

SECTION 1. That Section 54-3107, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:

54-3107. POWERS AND DUTIES. The state certified shorthand reporters board shall have the following powers and duties:

- (1) To determine the qualifications of persons applying for certificates and the renewal of a certificate under this chapter.
- (2) To prescribe, administer, and ~~determine a passing grade for the~~ approve examination of applicants applying for certificates under this chapter, including examinations that are administered electronically or online.
- (3) To collect the fees and charges prescribed by this chapter.
- (4) To execute and issue temporary permits and certified shorthand reporters certificates under the conditions prescribed in this chapter.
- (5) To refuse to issue, refuse to renew, revoke or suspend or otherwise discipline any certificate or permit upon the grounds and in the manner prescribed by this chapter.
- (6) To make rules to carry out the intent and purposes of this chapter.
- (7) The board may, by written agreement, authorize the bureau of occupational licenses as its agent to act in its interest.

SECTION 2. That Section 54-3108, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:

54-3108. QUALIFICATIONS -- REQUIRED EXAMINATION -- RENEWAL OF CERTIFICATES. (1) Applicants for certification must take and pass the Idaho certified shorthand reporter examination. Alternatively, applicants for certification must provide proof, satisfactory to the board, of having passed one (1) of the following examinations within the two (2) years prior to the date of the application:

- (a) The registered professional reporter (RPR) examination;
- (b) The registered merit reporter (RMR) examination;
- (c) The registered diplomate reporter (RDR) examination; ~~or~~
- (d) The certified realtime reporter (CRR) examination; or



1 (e) The certified realtime captioner (CRC) examination.

2 (2) Any applicant who is a lawful resident of the United States of good
3 moral character, having graduated from an accredited high school or having
4 had an equivalent education, shall be entitled to receive a certificate as
5 a certified shorthand reporter upon payment of the fees required by this
6 chapter. All applications shall be in such form as prescribed by the board
7 and filed with the board at least thirty (30) days prior to the announced
8 date of the reporters examination. The board in its discretion may make such
9 additional investigation and inquiry, or require additional information
10 from the applicant, as it shall deem necessary in determining the qualifica-
11 tions of the applicant. The board shall thereupon notify the applicant as to
12 whether ~~their~~ his application to take the reporters examination is accepted.

13 (3) All certified shorthand reporter certificates shall be issued for
14 a period of one (1) year and shall be renewable upon payment of a renewal
15 fee. The renewal and reinstatement of all certificates issued under the pro-
16 visions of this chapter shall be in accordance with section 67-2614, Idaho
17 Code.

18 SECTION 3. That Chapter 31, Title 54, Idaho Code, be, and the same is
19 hereby amended by the addition thereto of a NEW SECTION, to be known and des-
20 ignated as Section 54-3109A, Idaho Code, and to read as follows:

21 54-3109A. ENDORSEMENT -- CERTIFICATION. The board, upon application
22 and the payment of the required fee, may issue a shorthand reporter certifi-
23 cate by endorsement to a person who is of good moral character, who holds
24 a shorthand reporter certificate of qualification or license issued to
25 that person by the proper authority of any state or territory of the United
26 States, and who:

27 (1) Provides official documentation that the individual has passed
28 at any time one (1) of the examinations set forth in section 54-3108, Idaho
29 Code; and

30 (2) Provides documentation that the individual has continually worked
31 as a certified shorthand reporter for at least three (3) of the last five (5)
32 years immediately prior to application.