

SENATE BILL No. 167

February 3, 2005, Introduced by Senators McMANUS, SWITALSKI, JELINEK,
GOSCHKA, JOHNSON, KUIPERS, BISHOP and BIRKHOLZ and referred to the
Committee on Economic Development, Small Business and Regulatory Reform.

A bill to provide for occupational regulatory agencies to allow the use of on-line or other electronic continuing education or continuing competency programs under certain circumstances; to provide for certain powers and duties for certain state regulatory agencies; and to provide for the promulgation of rules.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 1. This act shall be known and may be cited as the "on-
2 line continuing education act".

3 Sec. 2. As used in this act:

4 (a) "License" means a certificate, registration, or license
5 issued by an occupational regulatory agency that allows an
6 individual to engage in a regulated occupation or that allows an

1 individual to use a specific title in the practice of an
2 occupation, profession, or vocation.

3 (b) "Occupational regulatory agency" means a department,
4 bureau, or agency of this state that has regulatory authority over
5 a regulated occupation.

6 (c) "Regulated occupation" means an occupation, profession, or
7 vocation that requires a license as a predicate for the practice of
8 the occupation, profession, or vocation or that provides for the
9 use of a specific title in the practice of the occupation,
10 profession, or vocation.

11 Sec. 3. (1) Except as otherwise provided for in a specific act
12 concerning a regulated occupation, the occupational regulatory
13 agency requiring a program of continuing education or continuing
14 professional competency for renewal of a license shall allow at
15 least 1/2 of the required credit hours of continuing education or
16 continuing professional competency be earned through an on-line or
17 electronic media meeting standards acceptable to the occupational
18 regulatory agency.

19 (2) An occupational regulatory agency may promulgate rules
20 under the administrative procedures act of 1969, 1969 PA 306, MCL
21 24.201 to 24.328, to implement this act.

22 Sec. 4. This act takes effect July 1, 2007.