

CHAPTER NO. 431.

HOUSE BILL NO. 23

INTRODUCED BY K. ROBBINS

BY REQUEST OF THE DEPARTMENT
OF PROFESSIONAL AND OCCUPATIONAL LICENSING

IN THE HOUSE

January 25, 1979 Printed and placed on members' desks.

January 27, 1979 Considered correctly engrossed.

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Reported correctly enrolled.

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22 the department for a license to do so. The application shall

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