Thank you to everyone who reached out to legislators asking them to oppose the amendment that would have negatively impacted your profession. Legislation as originally drafted would have allowed individuals with three years related experience (that was not defined) to do your job. Individuals holding a similar license or permit from outside of Iowa could practice in Iowa without meeting Iowa specific requirements.

These provisions were amended and your profession was not adversely impacted. Thank you for contacting your legislators and giving us the time to get changes to the legislation.

Before the session started the Governor had let it be known she wanted to streamline the licensing and certification process for all licensed professions. The Governor was NOT open to giving any profession a blanket exclusion from the changes. Several bills were introduced back in January and February addressing licensure and I gave testimony at several subcommittee meetings supporting the intent of the legislation and providing "corrections" that would address the your unique licensure. Our suggestions appeared to be well received at the time.

But then along came COVID
In a normal session these bills would have gone to committee and the floor where our amendments would have been considered. But then came COVID and the legislature went home for 70 days. When they came back in session everything was on a fast track. What would have taken two months in a regular session was now being pushed through in just a couple of days.

That brings us to last Thursday morning when the amendment came out that would have severely impacted both your practice and the safety and welfare of the public.

The Governor’s office put out a press release on this stating:

HF2627 creates additional pathways and removes barriers to professional licensure in the state of Iowa:

- Recognizes three years of work experience as a substitute for any education, training and work experience requirements

At first glance it might appear HF2627 changed your license/permit process. The three year work experience only applies to occupations that are not licensed in other states. That is a very important clarification.

Again, thank you to everyone who headed the alarm.

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