

SENATE BILL No. 138

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 24-5-0.5-12.

Synopsis: Authority to claim doctorate degree or title. Eliminates the authority of certain professional licensing boards to authorize an individual to claim to have a doctorate degree or to use a title associated with a doctorate degree.

Effective: Upon passage.

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January 6, 1999, read first time and referred to Committee on Health and Provider Services.

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PRINTING CODE. Amendments: Whenever an existing statute (or a section of the Indiana Constitution) is being amended, the text of the existing provision will appear in this style type, additions will appear in **this style type**, and deletions will appear in ~~this style type~~.

Additions: Whenever a new statutory provision is being enacted (or a new constitutional provision adopted), the text of the new provision will appear in **this style type**. Also, the word **NEW** will appear in that style type in the introductory clause of each SECTION that adds a new provision to the Indiana Code or the Indiana Constitution.

Conflict reconciliation: Text in a statute in *this style type* or ~~this style type~~ reconciles conflicts between statutes enacted by the 1998 General Assembly.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning trade regulations.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

1 SECTION 1. IC 24-5-0.5-12 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
 2 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE]: Sec. 12. (a) It is an
 3 incurable deceptive act for an individual, while soliciting or performing
 4 a consumer transaction, to claim, either orally or in writing, to possess
 5 a doctorate degree or use a title, a word, letters, an insignia, or an
 6 abbreviation associated with a doctorate degree, unless the individual
 7 ~~(1)~~ has been awarded a doctorate degree from an institution that is:
 8 ~~(A)~~ **(1)** accredited by a regional or professional accrediting
 9 agency recognized by the United States Department of Education
 10 or the Council on Postsecondary Accreditation;
 11 ~~(B)~~ **(2)** a religious seminary, institute, college, or university whose
 12 certificates, diplomas, or degrees clearly identify the religious
 13 character of the educational program; or
 14 ~~(C)~~ **(3)** operated and supported by a governmental agency. ~~or~~
 15 ~~(2)~~ **meets the requirements approved by a board listed in**
 16 ~~IC 25-1-2-6.~~
 17 (b) The attorney general shall enforce this section in the same



1 manner as any other incurable deceptive act under this chapter.
2 SECTION 2. **An emergency is declared for this act.**

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