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Your Guide to Legislation Impacting
Accountancy Regulation

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March 2019

Florida Governor Kicks Off “De-Regathon” in Orlando

Reported by Liberty Partners of Tallahassee, LLC

In an unprecedented move, Governor Ron DeSantis called more than 20 business-related regulatory boards at the Florida Department of Business and Professional Regulation (DBPR) to the Valencia College gymnasium in Orlando for a workday to overhaul Florida's licensing system. Boards regulating construction, CPAs, architects, realtors, cosmetologists and many others were challenged by DeSantis, Lt. Governor Jeanette Nunez, and newly appointed Florida DBPR Secretary Halsey Beshears to review regulatory schemes that are barriers to the professions. Hundreds of board members appointed by former Governor Rick Scott, or awaiting reappointment by Governor DeSantis, studied the issue while members of the press and public observed. Recommendations from each board were presented late in the afternoon and will likely result in legislation that will seek to deregulate many provisions in DBPR professions.

SPOTLIGHT



President's Memo: This Threat is Real

There has been a significant shift in the tactics, legislative approach, and indeed momentum, of the anti-regulation movement. NASBA's CEO Ken Bishop assesses the landscape.

Author: Ken Bishop, President and CEO

Anti-Regulation Assault Continues

In NASBA's February 2019 Legislative E-News ([The Assault on Regulations in 2019](#)), John Johnson, Director of Legislative and Governmental Affairs, reported multiple state legislatures had filed legislation aimed at reducing, and in some instances eliminating, occupational oversight. Since then, several other bills have been filed aimed at reducing regulations. For example, in Arkansas, a series of bills have emerged from Governor Hutchinson's 17-member "Red Tape Reduction Working Group." In Maine, LD 532 directs professional licensing and certification boards to study the barriers to obtaining professional licensure and certification. In Missouri, SB 500, similar to the legislation filed in Indiana (HB 1271) and West Virginia (HB 2697), would allow any non-licensed individual to enter into a "non-licensed disclosure" agreement with a potential client, allowing a non-CPA to work in a lawful occupation without an occupational license.

Click the button below to view all anti-regulatory bills filed in 2019.

ANTI-REGULATORY BILLS

Firm Mobility Taking Hold in All Regions – Massachusetts Files Legislation

Wyoming and New Jersey have joined 25 other jurisdictions to sign firm mobility legislation into law.

Prior to the inclusion of firm mobility in the Uniform Accountancy Act (UAA) in 2014, 14 states had adopted the principle. Today, 27 jurisdictions have full firm mobility. Maryland, and the recently filed bill in Massachusetts, have active firm mobility legislation. Nevada Board and CPA Society are working to file legislation in 2019.

To view all firm mobility legislation, click on the above "LEGISLATION BY TOPIC" link and then on the "firm mobility" button; you may also click on "LEGISLATION BY JURISDICTION" and then click on the jurisdiction within the map to see a list of legislative bills from the state.

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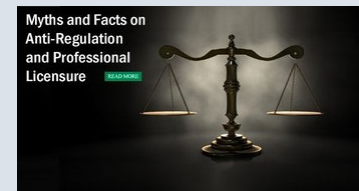


Taking License: Anti-Regulatory Groups Targeting Professional Licensure

In legislatures across the country, anti-regulatory groups are targeting professions and the licenses that define them. This is a fight worth having... and winning.

Author: John Johnson, Director, Legislative and Government Affairs

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Myths and Facts on Anti-Regulation and Professional Licensure

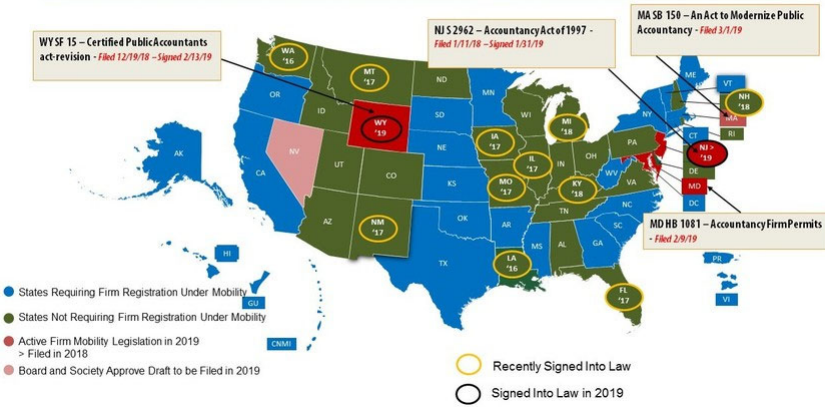
Over the past several years, a number of statements have been made by anti-regulatory groups that seek to dismantle licensure and the professions they represent with myths posing as facts. NASBA decided to reverse that and provide members critical facts that expose such myths.

Author: John Johnson, Director, Legislative and Government Affairs

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Firm Mobility



Comprehensive Definition of Attest – Final Three and Counting!

New Jersey, South Dakota, and Wyoming join 49 other jurisdictions to update their definition of attest to include any examination, review, or agreed-upon procedure performed using the Statement on Standards for Attestation Engagements (SSAE).

Today, 52 jurisdictions have updated their attest definition to mirror the Uniform Accountancy Act. Florida and Hawaii have active attest legislation. The Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI), is working to file legislation in 2019.

To view all attest legislation, click on the above “LEGISLATION BY TOPIC” link and then on the “attest” button; you may also click on “LEGISLATION BY JURISDICTION” and then click on the jurisdiction within the map to see a list of legislative bills from the state.

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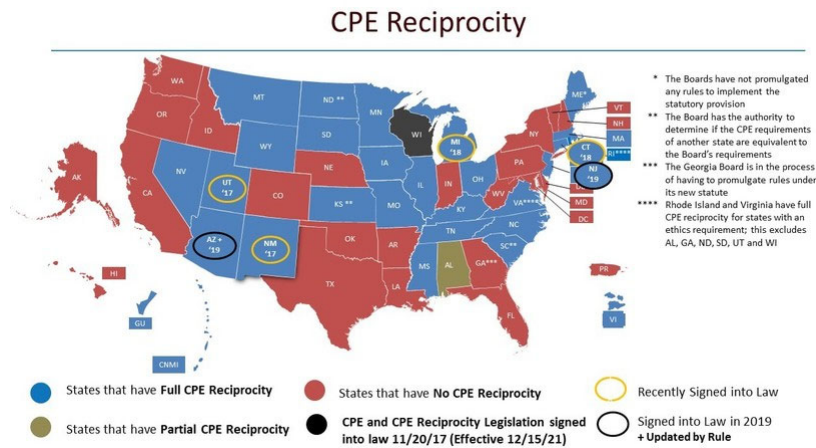


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Arizona Introduces Bill Claiming to Reduce Barriers to Employment

Arizona & New Jersey Implement CPE Reciprocity in 2019

CPE reciprocity allows certified public accountants (CPAs) who hold a license outside their home jurisdiction to only meet the CPE requirements in their home jurisdiction to practice beyond it. With the addition of Arizona (rule promulgation), and the recent legislation signed into law in New Jersey, 29 jurisdictions have now adopted CPE reciprocity. The Georgia and Washington State Boards of Accountancy are currently pursuing CPE reciprocity through rules.



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