

**HB 1553-S.E2 - DIGEST**

(DIGEST AS ENACTED)

Prohibits certain state, county, and municipal departments, boards, officers, and agencies authorized to assess the qualifications of an applicant for a license, certificate of authority, qualification to engage in the practice of a profession or business, or for admission to an examination to qualify for the license or certificate, from disqualifying a qualified applicant solely based on the applicant's criminal history if the qualified applicant has obtained a certificate of restoration of opportunity and the applicant meets all other statutory and regulatory requirements.

Exempts criminal justice agencies and the Washington state bar association from this act.

Provides that this act does not apply to the licensing, certification, or qualification of the following: Accountants, assisted living facilities employees, bail bond agents, escrow agents, long-term care workers, nursing home administrators, nurses, physicians and physician assistants, private investigators, receivers, teachers, notaries public, private investigators, real estate brokers and salespersons, security guards, and vulnerable adult care providers.