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**Senator Brenner**

**Cosponsors: Senators Antonio, Cirino, Craig, DeMora, Hackett, Hicks-Hudson, Ingram, Johnson, Landis, Lang, McColley, Reineke, Reynolds, Roegner, Romanchuk, Rulli, Wilson**

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**A BILL**

To enact section 4743.06 of the Revised Code to 1  
require a state occupational licensing agency to 2  
accept electronic license applications. 3

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF OHIO:**

**Section 1.** That section 4743.06 of the Revised Code be 4  
enacted to read as follows: 5

**Sec. 4743.06.** (A) Except as provided in divisions (B) and 6  
(C) of this section, a department, agency, or office of this 7  
state that issues a license, certificate, registration, or other 8  
authorization to a person to practice a trade or profession 9  
shall require a person to submit an application for an initial 10  
license, certificate, registration, or other authorization 11  
issued by the department, agency, or office using any electronic 12  
licensing system the department, agency, or office elects to use 13  
to receive applications. 14

(B) A department, agency, or office may adopt a policy to 15  
allow a person to apply for an initial license, certificate, 16

registration, or other authorization issued by the department, 17  
agency, or office by submitting a paper copy of the application 18  
to the department, agency, or office. A department, agency, or 19  
office that adopts such a policy shall not require a person to 20  
submit a paper copy of the application and shall accept an 21  
application submitted using the electronic licensing system used 22  
by the department, agency, or office. 23

(C) This section does not apply to the supreme court when 24  
issuing initial licenses pursuant to rules prescribed under Ohio 25  
Constitution, Article IV, Section 5. 26