



National Association of State Boards of Accountancy

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Rhode Island House Committee on Corporations
State House
82 Smith Street
Providence, RI 02903

Re: Support of HB 7839

I write today in support of HB 7839, **An Act Relating to Businesses and Professions – Public Accountancy**. With this legislation, the Rhode Island Board of Accountancy is proposing to add an additional pathway to licensure which is also being considered by the other 54 jurisdictions where the practice of accountancy is regulated in the United States. As of today, 38 jurisdictions have already passed this same legislation to add an additional pathway to licensure and modernize how CPAs practice in another jurisdiction without having to obtain another license.

Founded in 1908, the National Association of State Boards of Accountancy (NASBA) is dedicated to enhancing the effectiveness and advancing the common interests of the boards of accountancy from the 55 U.S. states and territories.

Boards of accountancy regulate the profession to fulfill their public protection mandate and to ensure the credibility, validity, and reliability of the CPA license on which our financial and the public rely. These objectives are met through determining initial qualifications and licensing, rulemaking, setting the applicable technical and professional standards, requiring continued competency and compliance, and taking enforcement actions against CPAs who harm the public by violating these statutes and rules.

To facilitate uniformity in initial licensure, and interstate mobility, NASBA, together with the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (“AICPA”), maintains and promotes the [Uniform Accountancy Act](#) (“UAA”), an evergreen model law developed to provide a comprehensive, uniform approach to regulation of the accounting profession. The additional pathway to licensure, and the modernization of practice privilege addressed in HB 7839 are modeled after UAA provisions. This concept will ensure uniformity, while lowering unnecessary barriers to practice across state lines.

I encourage you to support the passage of HB 7839. If you have any questions or need any additional information, please contact me at 615.880.4232 or jjohnson@nasba.org.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John W. Johnson".

John W. Johnson
Vice President, Legislative and Governmental Affairs

cc: Rhode Island Board of Accountancy