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## OCCUPATIONAL LICENSING: ASSESSING STATE POLICY AND PRACTICE

### Occupational Licensing Breakfast Briefing

Wednesday, Nov. 13, 2019, 9-10 a.m.

2044 Rayburn Office Building

*Please join the National Conference of State Legislatures, The Council of State Governments, National Governors Association and their members for a breakfast briefing and release of the Occupational Licensing Consortium Case Study Reports.*

*Over the last 60 years, the number of jobs requiring an occupational license, or government approval to practice a profession, has grown from about one in 20 to nearly one in four. When implemented properly, occupational licensing can help protect the health and safety of consumers. However, differences and disparities in occupational licensing laws across states can create barriers for those looking to enter the labor market and make it harder for workers to relocate across state lines. Since 2017, NCSL, CSG and NGA have been engaged with states on a multi-year project to identify solutions and best practices to the challenges occupational licensing policy can pose to workers. This briefing will review promising practices from a handful of states and the case study reports conducted by the American Institutes for Research.*

#### **Agenda**

**8:45 a.m.: Light Breakfast, Coffee and Networking**

**9 a.m.: Welcome & Opening Statements**

**Suzanne Hultin**, National Conference of State Legislatures

**Elizabeth Whitehouse**, The Council of State Governments

**Rachael Stephens**, National Governors Association

**Daniel Greenberg**, U.S. Department of Labor

**9:15 a.m.: Occupational Licensing Case Studies**

*This panel will feature researchers from the American Institutes for Research and highlight lessons learned on occupational licensing initiatives in consortium states.*

**Gauri Rege**, American Institutes for Research

**Representative Norm Thurston**, Utah House of Representatives

**9:45 a.m.: Open Question & Answer**

**10 a.m.: Conclude**