

## HOUSE REPUBLICAN STAFF ANALYSIS

Bill:	House File 778 (HSB 177)	House Committee:	<b>PASSED</b> February 26 (22-0)
Committee:	State Government	House Floor:	<b>PASSED</b> March 17 (96-0)
Floor Manager:	Representative Bossman	Senate Floor:	<b>PASSED</b> April 8 (47-0)
Date:	May 1, 2025	Governor:	<b>SIGNED</b> May 1
Staff:	Jason Covey (1-3626)		

### CPA Qualifications

- Updates the requirement for an initial issuance of a certificate to be either 151 semester hours, board recognized degree, and at least one year of experience or 120 semester hours, board recognized degree, and at least two years of experience.
- Effective date of July 1, 2026

### Section by Section Analysis

#### Section 1 – Qualifications for a certificate as a certified public accountant (Iowa Code 542.5(7))

An applicant for initial issuance of a certificate shall either complete 151 semester hours, have a degree, and have one year of experience OR the applicant has completed 120 semester hours, have a degree, and has two years of experience.

#### Section 2 – Qualifications for a certificate as a certified public accountant (Iowa Code 542.5(12))

Conforming code change.

#### Section 3 – Qualifications for a certificate as a certified public accountant (Iowa Code 542.5(13))

Updates grandfather date for persons holding a certificate to July 1, 2025 to be deemed to have met the requirements.

#### Section 4 – Substantial equivalency (Iowa Code 542.19(1)(c)(2))

Conforming code change.

#### Section 5 – Substantial equivalency (Iowa Code 542.19(3)(c))

Conforming code change.

#### Section 6 – Practice privilege (Iowa Code 542.20(1))

Updates language concerning person or firms authorized practice privilege.

#### Section 7 – Practice privilege (Iowa Code 542.20(6)(a))

Updates the criteria for an individual authorized for practice privilege to reflect the changes in this bill.

Section 8 – Practice privilege (Iowa Code 542.20(7)(e))

NEW PARAGRAPH - Requires individuals to comply with all rules adopted by the board to exercise practice privilege.

Section 9 – EFFECTIVE DATE

Takes effect on July 1, 2026.