MONTANA
In 2017, a bill (S.B. 365) that would have eliminated the Montana Engineering Licensure Board died in committee. The PE community’s opposition convinced legislators to remove the PE board from the bill.

UTAH
Governor Gary Herbert signed legislation (H.B. 94/S.B. 212) in March 2017 that spells out the duties of the Occupational and Professional Licensure Review Committee.

OKLAHOMA
Governor Mary Fallin issued an executive order in 2016 to create the Oklahoma Occupational Licensing Task Force. The task force is conducting a review of occupational licensing in the state and will provide recommendations to the governor for potential removal of licensure requirements that pose barriers to entry for the workforce and determine whether there is a “compelling public interest” in occupational licensing.

NEBRASKA
Legislation (L.B. 299) instructs the Office of Supervision of Occupational Boards to provide additional active supervision of occupational licensing boards to ensure that they are passing the least restrictive regulations possible. The bill was carried over into the 2018 legislative session.

NEW HAMPSHIRE
Legislation (H.B. 522) established a committee to review occupational licensing and determine which licenses could be optional. The New Hampshire Society pushed back. The bill died in committee, but carried over to the 2018 legislative session on June 22, 2017.

GEORGIA
A resolution (H.R. 744) encouraged the Georgia Occupational Regulatory Review Council to perform periodic reviews of existing regulatory entities. The resolution text implies that “licensure can be a barrier.” The resolution was carried over to the 2018 legislative session on March 30, 2017.