

An Act

ENROLLED SENATE
BILL NO. 1141

By: Dossett and Pittman of the
Senate

and

Kannady, Bennett (John) and
Roberts (Dustin) of the
House

An Act relating to the Post-Military Service Occupation, Education and Credentialing Act; amending Section 5, Chapter 226, O.S.L. 2012 and Section 6, Chapter 226, O.S.L. 2012 (59 O.S. Supp. 2017, Sections 4100.4 and 4100.5), which relate to evidence of equivalent education and military spouses; modifying language; making certain failure to implement provisions a violation; and providing an effective date.

SUBJECT: Occupational training

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY Section 5, Chapter 226, O.S.L. 2012 (59 O.S. Supp. 2017, Section 4100.4), is amended to read as follows:

Section 4100.4. A. Every administrative body, state agency director or official with authority over any occupational or professional license or certification, and each of the respective examining and licensing boards, shall, upon presentation of satisfactory evidence of equivalent education, training and experience by an applicant for certification or licensure, accept

the education, training, and experience completed by the individual as a member of the Armed Forces or Reserves of the United States, National Guard of any state, the Military Reserves of any state, or the Naval Militias of any state, and apply it in the manner most favorable toward satisfying the qualifications for issuance of the requested license or certification or approval for license examination in this state.

B. Each agency director or official, and each examining and licensing board, shall promulgate rules to implement the provisions of this section.

C. Any state licensing or certification authority that fails to implement rules or laws for recognizing appropriate military training and experience for its occupational or professional licensing or certification process shall be deemed in violation of this act.

SECTION 2. AMENDATORY Section 6, Chapter 226, O.S.L. 2012 (59 O.S. Supp. 2017, Section 4100.5), is amended to read as follows:

Section 4100.5. A. Every agency, board or commission shall establish a procedure to expedite endorsement of licenses or certifications for military spouse applicants; provided, the military service member is on active duty within this state or claims permanent residency in this state for the six (6) months prior to assignment to active duty or during the period of active duty.

B. Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, each agency, board or commission shall establish a procedure to expedite the issuance of a license, certification or permit to perform occupational or professional services regulated by each such board to a person:

1. Who is certified or licensed in another state to perform occupational or professional services in a state other than the State of Oklahoma;

2. Whose spouse is an active-duty member of the Armed Forces of the United States;

3. Whose spouse is subject to a military transfer to this state; and

4. Who left employment in another state to accompany the person's spouse to this state.

C. The procedures to expedite licensure or certification shall include:

1. Issuing the person a license, certificate or permit, if, in the opinion of the agency, board, or commission the requirements for certification or licensure of the other state are substantially equivalent to those required by this state; or

2. Developing a method to authorize the person to perform occupational or professional services regulated by the agency, board or commission in this state by issuing the person a temporary permit, certificate or license for a limited period of time to allow the person to perform occupational or professional services while completing any specific requirements in this state that were not required in the state in which the person was licensed or certified.

D. Any state licensing or certification authority that fails to implement rules or laws for recognizing appropriate military training and experience for its occupational or professional licensing or certification process shall be deemed in violation of this act.

SECTION 3. This act shall become effective November 1, 2018.

Passed the Senate the 7th day of March, 2018.

Presiding Officer of the Senate

Passed the House of Representatives the 17th day of April, 2018.

Presiding Officer of the House
of Representatives

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