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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.

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,

1 National Guard of any state, the Military Reserves of any state, or
2 the Naval Militias of any state, and apply it in the manner most
3 favorable toward satisfying the qualifications for issuance of the
4 requested license or certification or approval for license
5 examination in this state.

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

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

14 SECTION 2. AMENDATORY Section 6, Chapter 226, O.S.L.
15 2012 (59 O.S. Supp. 2017, Section 4100.5), is amended to read as
16 follows:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

21 2. Developing a method to authorize the person to perform
22 occupational or professional services regulated by the agency, board
23 or commission in this state by issuing the person a temporary
24 permit, certificate or license for a limited period of time to allow

1 the person to perform occupational or professional services while
2 completing any specific requirements in this state that were not
3 required in the state in which the person was licensed or certified.

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

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

10 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON VETERANS AND MILITARY AFFAIRS
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