

1 ENGROSSED SENATE
2 BILL NO. 670

By: Pugh of the Senate

3 and

4 McCall of the House

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6 An Act relating to professional and occupational
7 licensure; amending Section 1, Chapter 226, O.S.L.
8 2012, and Section 8, Chapter 226, O.S.L. 2012 (59
9 O.S. Supp. 2018, Sections 4100 and 4100.7), which
10 relate to the Post-Military Service Occupation,
11 Education and Credentialing Act; changing name of
12 act; modifying reference; allowing submission of
13 advance license application for certain military
14 persons; directing acceptance of licenses and
15 certifications from other states for certain military
16 persons; requiring issuance of certain licenses and
17 certifications within certain time; stating period of
18 licensure; requiring notice of denial of application;
19 providing for temporary credential under certain
20 condition; providing certain right of appeal;
21 allowing right to obtain and submit documentation for
22 licensure; directing waiver of fees for certain
23 military persons; excepting licensure for certain
24 persons under certain military base regulations;
directing promulgation of rules; providing for
codification; and providing an effective date.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY Section 1, Chapter 226, O.S.L.
2012 (59 O.S. Supp. 2018, Section 4100), is amended to read as
follows:

Section 4100. This act shall be known and may be cited as the
"~~Post~~-Military Service Occupation, Education and Credentialing Act".

1 SECTION 2. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified

2 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 4100.8 of Title 59, unless there
3 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

4 A. Every active duty military personnel and their spouse who is
5 licensed or certified in any occupation or profession in another
6 state, upon receiving notice or orders for military transfer or
7 honorable discharge to this state, may in advance of actual transfer
8 or discharge submit a completed application to the appropriate
9 licensing or credentialing agency in this state to request an
10 expedited temporary, reciprocal or comity license or certification
11 for their currently held valid license or certification from another
12 state or territory of the United States so such person may upon
13 entering this state be authorized to continue their licensed or
14 certified occupation or profession without delay.

15 B. Every administrative body, state agency director or official
16 with authority over any occupational or professional license or
17 certification, and each of the respective examining and licensing
18 boards, agencies and commissions in this state, shall, upon receipt
19 of an active duty military application submitted as authorized in
20 subsection A of this section, and presentation of satisfactory
21 evidence of equivalent education, training and experience on such
22 valid license or certification from another state, accept the valid
23 license or certification and apply all its education, training and
24 experience in the manner most favorable toward satisfying the

1 qualifications for issuance of the requested license or
2 certification in this state, and shall issue the requested Oklahoma
3 license or certification within thirty (30) days provided the
4 license or certification from the other state is found to be in good
5 standing and reasonably equivalent to the requirements of this
6 state.

7 C. The temporary, reciprocal or comity license or certification
8 issued pursuant to this section shall be valid for the same period
9 as authorized for full license or certification in this state,
10 unless the person is notified by the credentialing authority that
11 there is cause for a denial of the application or that certain
12 documentation required by this state is lacking or unavailable. In
13 such case, a temporary credential shall be issued to allow the
14 person time to obtain the necessary requirement while continuing to
15 be employed in his or her occupation or profession in this state.
16 Any active duty military applicant receiving a notice of denial of
17 full licensure or certification shall have the right to appeal the
18 denial determination as provided in the Administrative Procedures
19 Act or to obtain and submit the documentation required to complete
20 full license or certificate requirements in this state.

21 D. Each credentialing authority in this state shall waive the
22 application fee for active duty military personnel and their spouse
23 and shall further waived the license or certificate fees for the
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1 first period of issuance for such temporary, reciprocal or comity
2 license or certificate.

3 E. Any active duty military personnel who pursuant to any
4 federal or military law, rule or regulation is not required to be
5 licensed or credentialed while employed and performing their
6 occupation or profession only on the premises of an assigned
7 military base shall not be required to be licensed or credentialed
8 in this state pursuant to the same law, rule or regulation.

9 F. Each agency shall promulgate rules to implement the
10 provisions of this section and establish application forms as
11 required.

12 SECTION 3. AMENDATORY Section 8, Chapter 226, O.S.L.
13 2012 (59 O.S. Supp. 2018, Section 4100.7), is amended to read as
14 follows:

15 Section 4100.7. Nothing in the ~~Post~~-Military Service
16 Occupation, Education and Credentialing Act shall be construed to
17 require the issuance of any license or certificate to an applicant
18 who does not otherwise meet the stated eligibility standards,
19 criteria, qualifications or requirements for licensure or
20 certification, nor shall the provisions be construed to
21 automatically allow issuance of any license or certificate without
22 testing or examination, without proper consideration by the
23 licensing and examination board, or without proper verification that
24 the applicant is not subject to pending criminal charges or

disciplinary actions, has not been convicted of any offense prohibiting licensure or certification, and has no other impairment which would prohibit licensure or certification in this state.

SECTION 4. This act shall become effective November 1, 2019.

Passed the Senate the 13th day of March, 2019.

Presiding Officer of the Senate

Passed the House of Representatives the ____ day of _____,
2019.

Presiding Officer of the House
of Representatives