

Chapter 33

(Senate Bill 144)

AN ACT concerning

Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation – Occupational and Professional Licensing – Licensees on Military Deployment

FOR the purpose of authorizing a unit in the Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation to allow certain holders of certain occupational and professional licenses to renew an expired license without penalty under certain circumstances and to complete certain continuing education or competency requirements within a reasonable time after license renewal; and generally relating to occupational and professional licenses and the Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation.

BY adding to

Article – Business Regulation

Section 2–111

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2010 Replacement Volume and 2011 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article – Business Regulation

2–111.

(A) (1) IN THIS SECTION, “LICENSE” MEANS ANY GRANT OF AUTHORITY TO AN INDIVIDUAL TO PRACTICE AN OCCUPATION OR PROFESSION.

(2) “LICENSE” INCLUDES A CERTIFICATE, PERMIT, OR REGISTRATION.

(B) THIS SECTION DOES NOT APPLY TO LICENSES ISSUED UNDER TITLE 11, SUBTITLES 5 AND 6 OF THE FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS ARTICLE.

(C) A UNIT IN THE DEPARTMENT THAT IS AUTHORIZED TO ISSUE A LICENSE MAY ALLOW AN INDIVIDUAL LICENSEE WHO IS A MEMBER OF AN ARMED FORCE DEPLOYED OUTSIDE THE STATE TO:

(1) RENEW THE LICENSE AFTER THE EXPIRATION OF THE RENEWAL PERIOD WITHOUT PAYMENT OF A PENALTY OR REINSTATEMENT FEE IF THE LATE RENEWAL IS A DIRECT RESULT OF THE DEPLOYMENT; AND

(2) COMPLETE ANY CONTINUING EDUCATION OR CONTINUING COMPETENCY REQUIREMENTS FOR RENEWAL WITHIN A REASONABLE TIME AFTER RENEWING THE LICENSE.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2012.

Approved by the Governor, April 10, 2012.