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BY: Health and Government Operations Committee

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 225

(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in the sponsor line, strike “and Rudolph” and substitute “Rudolph, James, Frank, Wilson, Krebs, Szeliga, McComas, Weir, DeBoy, Wood, Impallaria, O’Donnell, Elliott, Bromwell, Beitzel, A. Miller, Hammen, Pendergrass, Costa, Cullison, Donoghue, Kach, Murphy, Nathan-Pulliam, Pena-Melnyk, Ready, Reznik, Tarrant, V. Turner, Burns, Davis, Haddaway-Riccio, Hershey, Vaughn, Schuh, Schulz, and Stifler”; and strike beginning with “authorizing” in line 13 down through “circumstances” in line 16 and substitute “requiring certain health occupations boards to develop certain procedures by which an applicant for a license, certificate, or registration can provide certain notice to the board; requiring each health occupations board to expedite the licensing, certification, or registration process for certain applicants and issue a license, certificate, or registration within a certain number of days under certain circumstances; requiring each health occupations board to assign to certain applicants a certain advisor; requiring each health occupations board to provide certain assistance to certain persons under certain circumstances”.

On page 2, in line 2, strike “a”; in the same line, strike “date” and substitute “dates”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 3, in line 13, after “(C)” insert “(1)”; and after line 14, insert:

“(2) “MILITARY SPOUSE” INCLUDES A SURVIVING SPOUSE OF:

(1) A VETERAN; OR

(Over)

(II) A SERVICE MEMBER WHO DIED WITHIN 1 YEAR BEFORE THE DATE ON WHICH THE APPLICATION FOR A LICENSE IS SUBMITTED.

On page 6, in line 23, after “(2)” insert “(I)”; and after line 24, insert:

“(II) “MILITARY SPOUSE” INCLUDES A SURVIVING SPOUSE OF:

1. A VETERAN; OR
2. A SERVICE MEMBER WHO DIED WITHIN 1 YEAR BEFORE THE DATE ON WHICH THE APPLICATION FOR AN EDUCATOR CERTIFICATE IS SUBMITTED.

On page 9, in line 15, after “(2)” insert “(I)”; and after line 16, insert:

“(II) “MILITARY SPOUSE” INCLUDES A SURVIVING SPOUSE OF:

1. A VETERAN; OR
2. A SERVICE MEMBER WHO DIED WITHIN 1 YEAR BEFORE THE DATE ON WHICH THE LICENSE APPLICATION, RENEWAL, OR CHANGE OF STATUS IS SUBMITTED.

On page 11, in line 1, after “(C)” insert “(1)”; and after line 2, insert:

“(2) “MILITARY SPOUSE” INCLUDES A SURVIVING SPOUSE OF:

- (I) A VETERAN; OR

(II) A SERVICE MEMBER WHO DIED WITHIN 1 YEAR BEFORE THE DATE ON WHICH THE APPLICATION FOR A LICENSE, CERTIFICATE, OR REGISTRATION IS SUBMITTED.

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 3 in line 24, on page 7 in line 3, on page 9 in line 24, and on page 11 in line 10, in each instance, strike “HONORABLY DISCHARGED FROM ACTIVE DUTY” and substitute “**DISCHARGED FROM ACTIVE DUTY UNDER CIRCUMSTANCES OTHER THAN DISHONORABLE**”.

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 6, in line 5, after “TIME,” insert “**AS DETERMINED BY THE UNIT,**”.

On page 7, in line 28, after “TIME,” insert “**AS DETERMINED BY THE STATE SUPERINTENDENT,**”.

AMENDMENT NO. 5

On pages 11 through 14, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 30 on page 11 through line 12 on page 14, inclusive, and substitute:

“1-703.

A HEALTH OCCUPATIONS BOARD MAY ALLOW A LICENSEE OR CERTIFICATE HOLDER WHO IS A MEMBER OF AN ARMED FORCE DEPLOYED OUTSIDE THE UNITED STATES OR ITS TERRITORIES TO:

(1) RENEW THE LICENSE OR CERTIFICATE 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 OR CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORDS CHECK REQUIRED FOR RENEWAL WITHIN A REASONABLE TIME AFTER RENEWING THE LICENSE OR CERTIFICATE.

1-704.

(A) (1) EACH HEALTH OCCUPATIONS BOARD SHALL DEVELOP A PROCEDURE BY WHICH AN INDIVIDUAL WHO APPLIES FOR A LICENSE, CERTIFICATE, OR REGISTRATION CAN NOTIFY THE BOARD THAT THE INDIVIDUAL IS A SERVICE MEMBER, VETERAN, OR MILITARY SPOUSE.

(2) A HEALTH OCCUPATIONS BOARD MAY SATISFY THE REQUIREMENT OF PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION BY INCLUDING A CHECK-OFF BOX ON A LICENSE, CERTIFICATE, OR REGISTRATION APPLICATION FORM.

(B) FOR EACH APPLICANT WHO IS A SERVICE MEMBER, VETERAN, OR MILITARY SPOUSE, A HEALTH OCCUPATIONS BOARD SHALL ASSIGN TO THE APPLICANT AN ADVISOR TO ASSIST THE INDIVIDUAL WITH THE APPLICATION PROCESS.

(C) (1) EACH HEALTH OCCUPATIONS BOARD SHALL EXPEDITE THE LICENSURE, CERTIFICATION, OR REGISTRATION OF A SERVICE MEMBER, VETERAN, OR MILITARY SPOUSE.

(2) IF A SERVICE MEMBER, VETERAN, OR MILITARY SPOUSE MEETS THE REQUIREMENTS FOR LICENSURE, CERTIFICATION, OR REGISTRATION, A HEALTH OCCUPATIONS BOARD SHALL ISSUE THE LICENSE, CERTIFICATE, OR REGISTRATION WITHIN 15 BUSINESS DAYS AFTER RECEIVING A COMPLETED APPLICATION.

(D) IF A HEALTH OCCUPATIONS BOARD DETERMINES THAT A SERVICE MEMBER, VETERAN, OR MILITARY SPOUSE DOES NOT MEET THE EDUCATION, TRAINING, OR EXPERIENCE REQUIREMENTS FOR LICENSURE, CERTIFICATION, OR REGISTRATION, A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE BOARD SHALL ASSIST THE SERVICE MEMBER, VETERAN, OR MILITARY SPOUSE IN IDENTIFYING:

(1) PROGRAMS THAT OFFER RELEVANT EDUCATION OR TRAINING; OR

(2) WAYS OF OBTAINING NEEDED EXPERIENCE.

1-705.

EACH HEALTH OCCUPATIONS BOARD SHALL PUBLISH PROMINENTLY ON ITS WEB SITE INFORMATION ON:

(1) THE EXPEDITED LICENSING PROCESS AVAILABLE TO SERVICE MEMBERS, VETERANS, AND MILITARY SPOUSES UNDER § 1-704 OF THIS SUBTITLE; AND

(2) ANY ASSISTANCE AND SERVICES RELATED TO LICENSURE, CERTIFICATION, OR REGISTRATION PROVIDED BY THE BOARD TO SERVICE MEMBERS, VETERANS, AND MILITARY SPOUSES.”.

(Over)

On page 14, in line 16, strike “on” and substitute “:

(a) On”;

in line 20, after “shall” insert “submit a preliminary”; and after line 21, insert:

“(b) On or before January 1, 2015, the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, the Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation, the State Department of Education, the Maryland Institute for Emergency Medical Services Systems, and the Maryland Higher Education Commission shall submit a final report to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly on the implementation of this Act.

(c) The reports required under subsections (a) and (b) of this section shall, for each licensing unit, include:

(1) the number of applicants who identified themselves as service members, veterans, or military spouses;

(2) the number of service members, veterans, or military spouses whose applications for a license, certificate, or registration were approved;

(3) the number of service members, veterans, or military spouses whose applications for a license, certificate, or registration were denied, including data on the reasons for denial;

(4) data on the licensing unit’s application processing times for service members, veterans, and military spouses;

(5) information on the licensing unit’s efforts to assist service members, veterans, and military spouses in identifying programs that offer education

and training needed to meet the requirements for licensure, certification, or registration;

(6) information on whether the applicable provisions of this Act effectively address the challenges that service members, veterans, and military spouses face when applying for an occupational or professional license, certificate, or registration on discharge from military service or after relocating to the State; and

(7) recommendations on ways to improve the licensing unit's ability to meet the needs of service members, veterans, and military spouses, including recommendations on whether issuing temporary or provisional licenses, certificates, or registrations would allow the licensing unit to more effectively address the challenges that service members, veterans, and military spouses face when applying for an occupational or professional license, certificate, or registration."