

SENATE BILL 852

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By: **Senators Griffith, Smith, Benson, Eckardt, Edwards, Ellis, Feldman, Hershey, Hester, Jennings, Miller, Peters, Reilly, Rosapepe, and Zucker**

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Assigned to: Finance

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation – Veterans and Military**
3 **Service Members and Spouses – Occupational Licenses**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring the Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation to
5 establish the period of time during which each unit must approve or disapprove an
6 application for an expedited temporary license for certain applicants; requiring
7 certain units to approve or disapprove an application for an expedited temporary
8 license during a certain time period established by the Department; requiring the
9 Department to publish certain information prominently on its website; requiring
10 each unit to publish prominently on its website the time period during which the
11 unit must approve or disapprove an application for a temporary expedited license for
12 certain applicants; and generally relating to occupational licenses for veterans and
13 military service members and their spouses.

14 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
15 Article – Business Regulation
16 Section 2.5–105 and 2.5–107
17 Annotated Code of Maryland
18 (2015 Replacement Volume and 2018 Supplement)

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

21 **Article – Business Regulation**

22 2.5–105.

23 (a) **(1)** Each unit shall issue an expedited temporary license to a service
24 member, veteran, or military spouse who meets the requirements of this section.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **(2) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ESTABLISH A TIME PERIOD FOR**
2 **APPROVAL OR DISAPPROVAL OF AN APPLICATION FOR AN EXPEDITED TEMPORARY**
3 **LICENSE AND SHALL ISSUE EACH EXPEDITED TEMPORARY LICENSE WITHIN THAT**
4 **TIME PERIOD.**

5 (b) A temporary license issued under this section is valid until the earlier of:

6 (1) 6 months after the date of issuance; or

7 (2) the date on which a license is granted or a notice to deny a license is
8 issued by the unit.

9 (c) An application for a temporary license shall include the following, in the form
10 and manner required by the unit:

11 (1) proof that the applicant is a service member, veteran, or military
12 spouse;

13 (2) proof that the applicant holds a valid license in good standing issued in
14 another state;

15 (3) if the applicant is a service member or veteran, proof that the applicant
16 is assigned to a duty station in the State or has established legal residence in the State;

17 (4) if the applicant is a military spouse, proof that the applicant's spouse is
18 assigned to a duty station in the State or has established legal residence in the State;

19 (5) if a criminal background check is required by the unit for licensure,
20 proof of application for a criminal background check;

21 (6) proof that the applicant has submitted the full application for licensure;
22 and

23 (7) payment of any application fee required by the unit.

24 (d) Before issuing a temporary license under this section, the unit shall determine
25 that the requirements for licensure in the other state are substantially equivalent to, or
26 exceed the requirements for, licensure in this State.

27 2.5-107.

28 **(A) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL PUBLISH PROMINENTLY ON ITS WEBSITE:**

29 **(1) THE PROCESS FOR OBTAINING A TEMPORARY LICENSE AND A**
30 **PERMANENT LICENSE FROM ANY UNIT UNDER § 2.5-105 OF THIS TITLE;**

1 **(2) THE TIME PERIOD DURING WHICH A UNIT IS REQUIRED TO**
2 **APPROVE OR DISAPPROVE AN APPLICATION FOR AN EXPEDITED TEMPORARY**
3 **LICENSE ESTABLISHED BY THE DEPARTMENT UNDER § 2.5–105(A) OF THIS TITLE;**
4 **AND**

5 **(3) A LIST OF THE NAMES OF EACH UNIT THAT ISSUES A TEMPORARY**
6 **LICENSE UNDER THIS TITLE AND A DIRECT LINK TO EACH UNIT’S WEBSITE.**

7 **(B) Each unit shall publish prominently on its [Web site] WEBSITE:**

8 (1) the process for obtaining a temporary license under § 2.5–105 of this
9 title and, if applicable, § 2.5–106 of this title; [and]

10 (2) the process for applying for a permanent license from the unit; **AND**

11 **(3) THE TIME PERIOD DURING WHICH A UNIT IS REQUIRED TO**
12 **APPROVE OR DISAPPROVE AN APPLICATION FOR AN EXPEDITED TEMPORARY**
13 **LICENSE ESTABLISHED BY THE DEPARTMENT UNDER § 2.5–105(A) OF THIS TITLE.**

14 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
15 October 1, 2019.