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**SB3 Health Occupations - Service Members, Veterans, and Military Spouses -
Temporary Licensure, Certification, Registration, and Permitting
Senate Finance Committee
FAVORABLE
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Good afternoon, Chair Beidle and members of the Senate Finance Committee. My name is Jim Campbell, State President Emeritus of AARP Maryland, and former member of the Maryland House of Delegates. I am also representing AARP's veteran committee in support of SB 3. AARP Maryland thanks Senator Jackson for sponsoring this important legislation.

SB 3 requires health occupations boards to issue an expedited temporary license, certificate, registration, or permit to a service member, veteran, or military spouse who meets certain requirements.

When military families are called on to relocate, which happens on average every two to three years, the effect on careers and income can be quite disruptive. This bill will help shorten the application process for qualified service members and their spouses to fifteen business days. Recognizing its importance, the Department of Defense has supported this type of legislation for the past decade.

SB 3 will benefit Maryland citizens by providing a potential pipeline for health care workers and others in critical needs areas. As the Maryland Military Coalition (MMC) has noted, the state is experiencing a severe personnel shortage in nursing and behavioral health.

Nationwide, more than 6 million veterans belong to AARP. In Maryland, there are 180,000 members who have served our nation. The AARP Maryland veteran's committee is working with MMC and other similar organizations to support and improve the lives of those who have served our country.

For these reasons, we ask for a favorable report on SB 3. If you have questions, please contact me tbresnahan@aarp.org or by calling 410-302-8451.

