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Referred to Committee on VETERANS' AND MILITARY AFFAIRS

Introduced by:  
(VA)

***AN ACT CONCERNING OCCUPATIONAL LICENSE PORTABILITY FOR MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES AND THEIR SPOUSES.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- 1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) As used in this section:
- 2 (1) "Armed forces" has the same meaning as provided in section 27-
- 3 103 of the general statutes;
- 4 (2) "Chief executive officer" means any agency head, department
- 5 head, executive director or other similar officer of a state agency;
- 6 (3) "Covered license" has the same meaning as provided in 50 USC
- 7 4025a, as amended from time to time; and
- 8 (4) "State agency" means any agency, authority, board, commission,
- 9 council, department, institution or other instrumentality of the state.
- 10 (b) Notwithstanding any provision of the general statutes, each state
- 11 agency that issues any occupational or professional license, permit,
- 12 certification, registration or other similar credential shall, in accordance

13 with the provisions of 50 USC 4025a, as amended from time to time,  
14 consider any covered license of a member of the armed forces, or the  
15 spouse of any such member, to be valid at a similar scope of practice and  
16 in the discipline applied for in this state upon such member's or spouse's  
17 satisfaction of the requirements of said section.

18 (c) Each covered license considered by a state agency to be valid  
19 pursuant to subsection (b) of this section shall be recorded by such  
20 agency in the appropriate registry of the occupational or professional  
21 license, permit, certification, registration or other similar credential,  
22 relevant to the scope of practice and discipline, that is maintained by  
23 such agency.

24 (d) Not later than July 1, 2024, each state agency described in  
25 subsection (b) of this section shall publish an application for each  
26 occupational or professional license, permit, certification, registration or  
27 other similar credential issued by such agency, in a form and manner  
28 prescribed by the chief executive officer of such agency, that complies  
29 with the provisions of 50 USC 4025a, as amended from time to time.

30 Sec. 2. Section 21a-11b of the general statutes is repealed and the  
31 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

32 (a) [An] Except as provided in section 1 of this act, for any member of  
33 the armed forces, as defined in section 27-103, or the spouse of any such  
34 member, an occupational or professional license, permit, certification or  
35 registration issued by the Department of Consumer Protection pursuant  
36 to chapter 389, 390, 391, 392, 394, 396, 396a, 399a, 399b, 400, 400b, 400f,  
37 400g, 400h, 400j, 400m, 400o or 400p shall be issued, in the occupation or  
38 profession applied for and at a practice level determined by the  
39 department, to a person who is [(1)] a resident of this state, as defined  
40 in section 12-701, and provides a current driver's license, utility bill,  
41 lease agreement or property deed indicating their residence in this state  
42 [; or (2) married to an active duty member of the armed forces of the  
43 United States and accompanies such member, pursuant to an official  
44 permanent change of station, to a military installation located in this

45 state,] if such person:

46 [(A)] (1) Holds a valid license, permit, certification or registration in  
47 at least one other jurisdiction in the United States in the occupation or  
48 profession applied for;

49 [(B)] (2) Has at least four years of experience, including [(i)] (A)  
50 practice under such license, permit, certification or registration, [(ii)] (B)  
51 classroom education, and [(iii)] (C) on-the-job training;

52 [(C)] (3) Is in good standing in all jurisdictions in the United States in  
53 which he or she holds a license, permit, certification or registration and  
54 has not had a license, permit, certification or registration revoked or  
55 discipline imposed by any jurisdiction, does not have a complaint,  
56 allegation or investigation related to unprofessional conduct pending in  
57 any jurisdiction and has not voluntarily surrendered a license, permit,  
58 certification or registration while under investigation for unprofessional  
59 conduct in any jurisdiction;

60 [(D)] (4) Satisfies any background check or character and fitness check  
61 required of other applicants for the license, permit, certification or  
62 registration;

63 [(E)] (5) Pays all fees required of other applicants for the license,  
64 permit, certification or registration; and

65 [(F)] (6) Takes and passes all or a portion of any examination required  
66 of other persons applying for the license, permit, certification or  
67 registration, [, except a person married to an active duty member of the  
68 armed forces of the United States may be required to take and pass all  
69 or a portion of such examination at the discretion of the Commissioner  
70 of Consumer Protection.]

71 (b) Any person issued a license, permit, certification or registration  
72 pursuant to this section shall be subject to the laws of this state and the  
73 jurisdiction of the Department of Consumer Protection.

74 (c) Notwithstanding the other provisions of this section, the

75 Commissioner of Consumer Protection may deny an occupational or  
76 professional license, permit, certification or registration if the  
77 commissioner finds such denial is in the best interest of the state.

78 (d) A person applying for a license, permit, certification or  
79 registration that is not required to practice an occupation or profession  
80 in at least twenty-five states who relocates to this state from another  
81 state that did not require a license, permit, certification or registration to  
82 practice the person's occupation or profession may be considered to  
83 have satisfied the conditions of [subparagraphs (A) and (B) of  
84 subdivision (2)] subdivisions (1) and (2) of subsection (a) of this section  
85 if he or she establishes to the satisfaction of the Department of Consumer  
86 Protection that he or she has four or more years of related work  
87 experience with a substantially similar scope of practice within the five  
88 years preceding the date of application to said department.

89 Sec. 3. Section 19a-14d of the general statutes is repealed and the  
90 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

91 (a) [An] Except as provided in section 1 of this act, for any member of  
92 the armed forces, as defined in section 27-103, or the spouse of any such  
93 member, an occupational or professional license, permit, certification or  
94 registration issued by the Department of Public Health pursuant to  
95 chapter 368v, 370, 372, 373, 375, 375a, 376, 376a, 376b, 376c, 377, 378,  
96 378a, 379, 379a, 380, 381, 381a, 381b, 382a, 382b, 382c, 383, 383a, 383b,  
97 383c, 383d, 383e, 383f, 383g, 383h, 384, 384a, 384b, 384c, 384d, 385, 386,  
98 387, 387a, 388, 388a, 393a, 395, 397a, 398, 399, 400a, 400c or 474 shall be  
99 issued, in the occupation or profession applied for and at a practice level  
100 determined by the department, to a person [, including, but not limited  
101 to, an active duty member of the armed forces of the United States or  
102 such person's spouse,] if:

103 (1) The person holds a valid license, permit, certification or  
104 registration in at least one other jurisdiction in the United States in the  
105 occupation or profession applied for;

106 (2) The person has practiced under such license, permit, certification

107 or registration for not less than four years;

108 (3) The person is in good standing in all jurisdictions in the United  
109 States in which he or she holds a license, permit, certification or  
110 registration and has not had a license, permit, certification or  
111 registration revoked or discipline imposed by any jurisdiction in the  
112 United States, does not have a complaint, allegation or investigation  
113 related to unprofessional conduct pending in any jurisdiction, and has  
114 not voluntarily surrendered a license, permit, certification or  
115 registration while under investigation for unprofessional conduct in any  
116 jurisdiction;

117 (4) The person satisfies any background check or character and fitness  
118 check required of other applicants for the license, permit, certification or  
119 registration; and

120 (5) The person pays all fees required of other applicants for the  
121 license, permit, certification or registration.

122 (b) In addition to the requirements set forth in subsection (a) of this  
123 section, the Department of Public Health may require a person applying  
124 for a license, permit, certification or registration under this section to  
125 take and pass all, or a portion of, any examination required of other  
126 persons applying for such license, permit, certification or registration.

127 (c) Any person issued a license, permit, certification or registration  
128 pursuant to this section shall be subject to the laws of this state and the  
129 jurisdiction of the Department of Public Health.

130 (d) Notwithstanding the other provisions of this section and pursuant  
131 to section 19a-14, the Commissioner of Public Health may deny an  
132 occupational or professional license, permit, certification or registration  
133 if he or she finds such denial is in the best interest of the state.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section

Sec. 2	<i>from passage</i>	21a-11b
Sec. 3	<i>from passage</i>	19a-14d

**Statement of Purpose:**

To reflect in state law an amendment to the federal Servicemembers Civil Relief Act regarding occupational license portability.

*[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]*