

Regular Session, 2013

HOUSE BILL NO. 312

BY REPRESENTATIVE LORUSSO AND SENATORS GARY SMITH AND  
WALSWORTH

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 29:418, to enact R.S. 37:3652, and to repeal R.S. 29:419, relative  
3 to licensing of military servicemembers and their spouses; to increase the length of  
4 time a servicemember has to renew a government-issued or professional license after  
5 return from duty; to increase the length of time a servicemember or spouse has to  
6 renew a professional license; and to provide for related matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. R.S. 29:418 is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

9 §418. License validity; renewals; suspension of fees

10 The payment of any reinstatement or licensing fee or the application for  
11 renewal of any license imposed by the state or any public or governmental entity  
12 which the person who performs service in the uniformed services, as provided in 10  
13 U.S.C. 101, or the National Guard, as provided in 10 U.S.C. 311, validly holds at the  
14 time he enters service in the uniformed services shall be suspended until ~~ninety one~~  
15 hundred eighty days after his release from service in the uniformed services or  
16 discharge from hospitalization incidental to his service in the uniformed services,  
17 provided that the person complies with all of the licensing requirements including  
18 the payment of fees before the expiration of ~~ninety one hundred eighty~~ days after his  
19 release from service in the uniformed services or discharge from hospitalization  
20 incidental to his service in the uniformed services. Any license covered by this  
21 Section which the person validly held at the time he entered service in the uniformed  
22 services shall remain in force and effect until ~~ninety one hundred eighty~~ days after  
23 his release from service in the uniformed services, provided that the licensing

1 requirements are complied with, including the payment of any licensing and renewal  
2 fees owed.

3 Section 2. R.S. 37:3652 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

4 §3652. Professional and occupational licenses; renewal fees waived; educational  
5 requirements

6 A. A person who is performing or has performed service in the uniformed  
7 services, as provided in 10 U.S.C. 101, or the National Guard, as provided in 10  
8 U.S.C. 311, or a military spouse who has relocated with their servicemember spouse  
9 assigned or ordered to active duty outside the United States and its territories and  
10 who has provided evidence of deployment or relocation to the professional or  
11 occupational licensing board prior to expiration of their license may be exempt from  
12 both of the following:

13 (1) The payment of any reinstatement or licensing renewal fee required by  
14 any profession or occupation governed by this Title or by any other provision of law  
15 or ordinance during the servicemember's period of service in the uniformed services.

16 (2) Compliance with any continuing educational requirements applicable to  
17 such license during the servicemember's period of service in the uniformed services.

18 B. An exemption provided pursuant to Subsection A of this Section shall not  
19 apply to licensing or renewal fees or continuing educational requirements applicable  
20 to such license for the year in which the servicemember is released or discharged  
21 from active duty.

22 C. Any applicable license that is not subject to minimum licensing standards  
23 set forth in federal law or regulation shall continue in force and effect, provided that  
24 any applicable renewal fees are paid and any educational requirements are completed  
25 within one hundred eighty days of the servicemember's release or discharge from  
26 active duty. For occupational licenses or registrations which are subject to minimum  
27 standards set forth by federal law or regulation, the professional or occupational  
28 licensing board may take any such action that may be available to maintain such  
29 licenses in an inactive or dormant status so that the servicemember or spouse may

1 resume the licensed activity promptly upon satisfying applicable minimums  
2 standards.

3 D. For the purposes of this Section, "professional or occupational licensing  
4 board" shall mean any state agency, board, commission, or substantially similar  
5 entity, involved in the licensing, certification, or registration of any regulated  
6 profession or occupation within the state of Louisiana.

7 E. The provisions of this Section shall not apply to any license issued and  
8 regulated under the authority of the judicial branch of government.

9 Section 3. R.S. 29:419 is hereby repealed in its entirety.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

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