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HOUSE BILL NO. 622

BY REPRESENTATIVE HOFFMANN

MILITARY AFFAIRS: Provides relative to professional fees and continuing education requirements

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 37:1681, relative to the armed forces of the United States and the
3 Louisiana National Guard; to provide with respect to professional fees; to provide
4 with respect to continuing education requirements for professions; to provide for
5 exceptions for members of the military; and to provide for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 37:1681 is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

8 §1681. Armed forces, professional persons in; remittance of annual fees; continuing
9 education requirements

10 A. The annual or renewal fee that would be due by a member of any
11 profession to any state board, commission, department, or agency for such member
12 to continue to be entitled to practice his profession in this state is remitted in favor
13 of such member while he is enlisted and serving in any of the armed forces of the
14 United States, or has been mobilized or called to active duty in his capacity as a
15 member of the Louisiana National Guard. The remission of the annual or renewal
16 fee shall not apply to any annual or renewal fee that was delinquent at the time of
17 enlistment in the service, but shall include annual or renewal fees that fall due for
18 two calendar years following the year in which the member receives his honorable
19 discharge, or his mobilization or activation with the Louisiana National Guard has
20 ended.

1 B. Any member of the armed forces of the United States or the Louisiana
2 National Guard who is mobilized or called to active duty shall be exempted from all
3 continuing education requirements imposed by the state board, commission,
4 department, or agency authorized to issue and maintain a permit, license or
5 certification under this Title for his respective profession during the duration of his
6 activation or mobilization. The exemption of continuing education requirements
7 shall not include continuing education requirements that were delinquent at the time
8 of enlistment in the service or activation or mobilization of the Louisiana National
9 Guard. The member of the armed forces of the United States or the Louisiana
10 National Guard shall resume his status as a member of his profession in good
11 standing when he receives his honorable discharge or his activation or mobilization
12 with the Louisiana National Guard has ended.

DIGEST

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Abstract: Provides that members of the armed forces or national guard shall not be responsible for annual or renewal fees or continuing education requirements while he is enlisted and serving in any of the armed forces or activated in the La. National Guard.

Present law provides that members of the armed forces shall not be assessed any annual or renewal fee due by a member of any profession while he is enlisted and serving in any of the armed forces of the United States.

Proposed law retains present law and extends it to members of the Louisiana National Guard who have been activated.

Proposed law further provides that members of the U.S. armed forces, and activated members of the Louisiana National Guard shall not be responsible for continuing education requirements for their professions while activated.

(Amends R.S. 37:1681)