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**FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE**  
**First Reader**

House Bill 1386 (Delegate Charles)  
Rules and Executive Nominations

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**Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation - Veterans and Military Service  
Members and Spouses - Occupational Licenses**

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This bill requires the Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation (DLLR) to establish a time period for approval or disapproval of an application for an expedited temporary license issued to a service member, veteran, or military spouse who meets existing requirements for expedited temporary licensure. DLLR and its occupational and professional licensing units must prominently publish the time period established under the bill on their respective websites, in addition to other related information.

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** DLLR can handle the bill's requirements with existing budgeted resources. Revenues are not affected.

**Local Effect:** None.

**Small Business Effect:** Minimal.

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**Analysis**

**Current Law/Background:** Chapters 154 and 155 of 2013 (the Veterans Full Employment Act) facilitated professional licensing for active military personnel, veterans, and their spouses. The Act applies to the State's major licensing agencies. DLLR's Division of Occupational and Professional Licensing issues most of the State's nonhealth professional licenses.

Under the Act, occupational and professional licensing units within DLLR must issue expedited temporary licenses, registrations, or certificates to military service members, veterans, and military spouses if specified education, training, and experience conditions are met. Each licensing unit must publish on its website details of the expedited processes established under the Act, and each may adopt implementing regulations.

Notwithstanding the information publicly available on DLLR's [website](#), including a downloadable "Application for Temporary License" form, the department advises that the Division of Occupational and Professional Licensing does not issue temporary licenses, because permanent licenses are typically issued within two weeks of the receipt of a completed application and/or the passing of an exam.

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### **Additional Information**

**Prior Introductions:** None.

**Cross File:** SB 852 (Senator Griffith, *et al.*) - Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs.

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