

SENATE BILL 273

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By: **The President (By Request – Administration) and Senators Benson, Colburn, DeGrange, Dyson, Edwards, Ferguson, Forehand, Garagiola, Jacobs, Jones–Rodwell, Kelley, Klausmeier, Madaleno, Manno, Mathias, Miller, Montgomery, Peters, Pugh, Ramirez, Raskin, Robey, Stone, and Young**

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Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Veterans Full Employment Act of 2013**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring certain licensing units and boards to give credit to
4 certain former service members for relevant military training, education, and
5 experience in connection with the issuance of certain occupational and
6 professional licenses, certificates, and registrations; repealing and recodifying
7 certain provisions of law regarding the renewal of certain occupational or
8 professional licenses and the completion of continuing education or continuing
9 competency requirements for certain members of an armed force deployed
10 outside the State; requiring certain licensing units and boards to issue a
11 temporary expedited license, certification, or registration to certain individuals
12 under certain circumstances; authorizing certain licensing units and boards to
13 issue a temporary license under certain circumstances; authorizing certain
14 health occupations boards to apply to the Secretary of Health and Mental
15 Hygiene for consideration of an alternate process of expedited licensing,
16 certification, or registration under certain circumstances; requiring the State
17 Superintendent of Schools to expedite educator certification under certain
18 circumstances; authorizing the State Superintendent of Schools to issue a
19 temporary educator certificate under certain circumstances; requiring certain
20 licensing units and boards and the State Department of Education to publish
21 certain information on a certain Web site; authorizing certain licensing units
22 and boards, the Commissioner of Financial Regulation, and the State Board of
23 Education to adopt certain regulations; requiring the Maryland Higher
24 Education Commission to develop and adopt certain guidelines regarding the
25 awarding of academic credit for military training, coursework, and education;
26 requiring public institutions of higher education to develop and implement
27 certain policies in accordance with the guidelines adopted by the Commission;

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 requiring that certain reports on the implementation of this Act be submitted to
2 the Governor and the General Assembly on or before a certain date; and
3 generally relating to occupational and professional licensing requirements and
4 the crediting, for certain purposes, of certain training, experience, and
5 education of service members, veterans, and military spouses.

6 BY repealing

7 Article – Business Regulation
8 Section 2–111
9 Annotated Code of Maryland
10 (2010 Replacement Volume and 2012 Supplement)

11 BY adding to

12 Article – Business Regulation
13 Section 2.5–101 through 2.5–108 to be under the new title “Title 2.5. Service
14 Members, Veterans, and Military Spouses – Licensing”
15 Annotated Code of Maryland
16 (2010 Replacement Volume and 2012 Supplement)

17 BY adding to

18 Article – Education
19 Section 6–101.1, 13–516(b–1), and 15–113
20 Annotated Code of Maryland
21 (2008 Replacement Volume and 2012 Supplement)

22 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

23 Article – Education
24 Section 10–101(c) and 13–501(f)
25 Annotated Code of Maryland
26 (2008 Replacement Volume and 2012 Supplement)

27 BY adding to

28 Article – Financial Institutions
29 Section 11–612.2
30 Annotated Code of Maryland
31 (2011 Replacement Volume and 2012 Supplement)

32 BY adding to

33 Article – Health Occupations
34 Section 1–701 through 1–706 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 7. Service
35 Members, Veterans, and Military Spouses – Licensing”
36 Annotated Code of Maryland
37 (2009 Replacement Volume and 2012 Supplement)

38 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
39 MARYLAND, That Section(s) 2–111 of Article – Business Regulation of the Annotated
40 Code of Maryland be repealed.

1 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Laws of Maryland
2 read as follows:

3 **Article – Business Regulation**

4 **TITLE 2.5. SERVICE MEMBERS, VETERANS, AND MILITARY SPOUSES –**
5 **LICENSING.**

6 **2.5–101.**

7 (A) IN THIS TITLE THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS
8 INDICATED.

9 (B) (1) “LICENSE” MEANS ANY GRANT OF AUTHORITY TO AN
10 INDIVIDUAL TO PRACTICE AN OCCUPATION OR PROFESSION.

11 (2) “LICENSE” INCLUDES A CERTIFICATE, PERMIT, OR
12 REGISTRATION.

13 (C) “MILITARY SPOUSE” MEANS THE SPOUSE OF A SERVICE MEMBER OR
14 VETERAN.

15 (D) “SERVICE MEMBER” MEANS AN INDIVIDUAL WHO IS AN ACTIVE
16 DUTY MEMBER OF:

17 (1) THE ARMED FORCES OF THE UNITED STATES;

18 (2) A RESERVE COMPONENT OF THE ARMED FORCES OF THE
19 UNITED STATES; OR

20 (3) THE NATIONAL GUARD OF ANY STATE.

21 (E) “UNIT” MEANS A UNIT IN THE DEPARTMENT THAT IS AUTHORIZED
22 TO ISSUE A LICENSE.

23 (F) (1) “VETERAN” MEANS A FORMER SERVICE MEMBER WHO WAS
24 HONORABLY DISCHARGED FROM ACTIVE DUTY WITHIN 1 YEAR BEFORE THE
25 DATE ON WHICH THE APPLICATION FOR A LICENSE IS SUBMITTED.

26 (2) “VETERAN” DOES NOT INCLUDE AN INDIVIDUAL WHO HAS
27 COMPLETED ACTIVE DUTY AND HAS BEEN DISCHARGED FOR MORE THAN 1 YEAR
28 BEFORE THE APPLICATION FOR A LICENSE IS SUBMITTED.

1 **2.5-102.**

2 **THIS TITLE DOES NOT APPLY TO LICENSES ISSUED UNDER TITLE 11,**
3 **SUBTITLE 5 OR SUBTITLE 6 OF THE FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS ARTICLE.**

4 **2.5-103.**

5 **A UNIT MAY ALLOW AN INDIVIDUAL LICENSEE WHO IS A MEMBER OF AN**
6 **ARMED FORCE DEPLOYED OUTSIDE THE STATE TO:**

7 **(1) RENEW THE LICENSE AFTER THE EXPIRATION OF THE**
8 **RENEWAL PERIOD WITHOUT PAYMENT OF A PENALTY OR REINSTATEMENT FEE**
9 **IF THE LATE RENEWAL IS A DIRECT RESULT OF THE DEPLOYMENT; AND**

10 **(2) COMPLETE ANY CONTINUING EDUCATION OR CONTINUING**
11 **COMPETENCY REQUIREMENTS FOR RENEWAL WITHIN A REASONABLE TIME**
12 **AFTER RENEWING THE LICENSE.**

13 **2.5-104.**

14 **(A) IN CALCULATING AN INDIVIDUAL'S YEARS OF PRACTICE IN AN**
15 **OCCUPATION OR A PROFESSION, EACH UNIT SHALL GIVE CREDIT TO THE**
16 **INDIVIDUAL FOR ALL RELEVANT EXPERIENCE AS A SERVICE MEMBER.**

17 **(B) EACH UNIT SHALL CREDIT ANY TRAINING AND EDUCATION**
18 **PROVIDED BY THE MILITARY AND COMPLETED BY A SERVICE MEMBER TOWARD**
19 **ANY TRAINING OR EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS FOR LICENSURE IF THE**
20 **TRAINING OR EDUCATION IS DETERMINED BY THE UNIT TO BE:**

21 **(1) SUBSTANTIALLY EQUIVALENT TO THE TRAINING OR**
22 **EDUCATION REQUIRED BY THE UNIT; AND**

23 **(2) NOT OTHERWISE CONTRARY TO ANY OTHER LICENSING**
24 **REQUIREMENT.**

25 **2.5-105.**

26 **(A) EACH UNIT SHALL ISSUE AN EXPEDITED TEMPORARY LICENSE TO A**
27 **SERVICE MEMBER, VETERAN, OR MILITARY SPOUSE WHO MEETS THE**
28 **REQUIREMENTS OF THIS SECTION.**

29 **(B) A TEMPORARY LICENSE ISSUED UNDER THIS SECTION IS VALID**
30 **UNTIL THE EARLIER OF:**

1 (1) 6 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF ISSUANCE; OR

2 (2) THE DATE ON WHICH A LICENSE IS GRANTED OR A NOTICE TO
3 DENY A LICENSE IS ISSUED BY THE UNIT.

4 (C) AN APPLICATION FOR A TEMPORARY LICENSE SHALL INCLUDE THE
5 FOLLOWING, IN THE FORM AND MANNER REQUIRED BY THE UNIT:

6 (1) PROOF THAT THE APPLICANT IS A SERVICE MEMBER,
7 VETERAN, OR MILITARY SPOUSE;

8 (2) PROOF THAT THE APPLICANT HOLDS A VALID LICENSE IN
9 GOOD STANDING ISSUED IN ANOTHER STATE;

10 (3) IF THE APPLICANT IS A SERVICE MEMBER OR VETERAN,
11 PROOF THAT THE APPLICANT IS ASSIGNED TO A DUTY STATION IN THE STATE
12 OR HAS ESTABLISHED LEGAL RESIDENCE IN THE STATE;

13 (4) IF THE APPLICANT IS A MILITARY SPOUSE, PROOF THAT THE
14 APPLICANT'S SPOUSE IS ASSIGNED TO A DUTY STATION IN THE STATE OR HAS
15 ESTABLISHED LEGAL RESIDENCE IN THE STATE;

16 (5) IF A CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECK IS REQUIRED BY THE
17 UNIT FOR LICENSURE, PROOF OF APPLICATION FOR A CRIMINAL BACKGROUND
18 CHECK;

19 (6) PROOF THAT THE APPLICANT HAS SUBMITTED THE FULL
20 APPLICATION FOR LICENSURE; AND

21 (7) PAYMENT OF ANY APPLICATION FEE REQUIRED BY THE UNIT.

22 (D) BEFORE ISSUING A TEMPORARY LICENSE UNDER THIS SECTION,
23 THE UNIT SHALL DETERMINE THAT THE REQUIREMENTS FOR LICENSURE IN
24 THE OTHER STATE ARE SUBSTANTIALLY EQUIVALENT TO, OR EXCEED THE
25 REQUIREMENTS FOR, LICENSURE IN THIS STATE.

26 **2.5-106.**

27 (A) SUBJECT TO SUBSECTIONS (B) AND (C) OF THIS SECTION, A UNIT
28 MAY ISSUE A TEMPORARY LICENSE TO A SERVICE MEMBER, VETERAN, OR
29 MILITARY SPOUSE WHO HOLDS A VALID LICENSE IN GOOD STANDING ISSUED IN
30 ANOTHER STATE FOR WHICH THE REQUIREMENTS FOR LICENSURE ARE NOT

1 SUBSTANTIALLY EQUIVALENT TO THE REQUIREMENTS FOR LICENSURE IN THIS
2 STATE.

3 (B) A TEMPORARY LICENSE ISSUED UNDER THIS SECTION AUTHORIZES
4 THE SERVICE MEMBER, VETERAN, OR MILITARY SPOUSE, FOR A LIMITED
5 PERIOD OF TIME, TO PERFORM SERVICES REGULATED BY THE UNIT WHILE THE
6 SERVICE MEMBER, VETERAN, OR MILITARY SPOUSE COMPLETES ADDITIONAL
7 REQUIREMENTS FOR LICENSURE IN THIS STATE.

8 (C) A UNIT MAY NOT ISSUE A LICENSE UNDER THIS SECTION IF
9 ISSUANCE OF THE LICENSE WOULD POSE A RISK TO PUBLIC HEALTH, WELFARE,
10 OR SAFETY.

11 **2.5-107.**

12 EACH UNIT SHALL PUBLISH PROMINENTLY ON ITS WEB SITE:

13 (1) THE PROCESS FOR OBTAINING A TEMPORARY LICENSE UNDER
14 § 2.5-105 OF THIS TITLE AND, IF APPLICABLE, § 2.5-106 OF THIS TITLE; AND

15 (2) THE PROCESS FOR APPLYING FOR A PERMANENT LICENSE
16 FROM THE UNIT.

17 **2.5-108.**

18 EACH UNIT MAY ADOPT REGULATIONS TO CARRY OUT THIS TITLE.

19 **Article - Education**

20 **6-101.1.**

21 (A) (1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE
22 MEANINGS INDICATED.

23 (2) "MILITARY SPOUSE" MEANS THE SPOUSE OF A SERVICE
24 MEMBER OR VETERAN.

25 (3) "SERVICE MEMBER" MEANS AN INDIVIDUAL WHO IS AN
26 ACTIVE DUTY MEMBER OF:

27 (I) THE ARMED FORCES OF THE UNITED STATES;

28 (II) A RESERVE COMPONENT OF THE ARMED FORCES OF
29 THE UNITED STATES; OR

1 **(III) THE NATIONAL GUARD OF ANY STATE.**

2 **(4) (I) "VETERAN" MEANS A FORMER SERVICE MEMBER WHO**
3 **WAS HONORABLY DISCHARGED FROM ACTIVE DUTY WITHIN 1 YEAR BEFORE THE**
4 **DATE ON WHICH THE APPLICATION FOR AN EDUCATOR CERTIFICATE IS**
5 **SUBMITTED.**

6 **(II) "VETERAN" DOES NOT INCLUDE AN INDIVIDUAL WHO**
7 **HAS COMPLETED ACTIVE DUTY AND HAS BEEN DISCHARGED FOR MORE THAN 1**
8 **YEAR BEFORE THE APPLICATION FOR AN EDUCATOR CERTIFICATE IS**
9 **SUBMITTED.**

10 **(B) THE STATE SUPERINTENDENT SHALL EXPEDITE EDUCATOR**
11 **CERTIFICATION FOR A SERVICE MEMBER, VETERAN, OR MILITARY SPOUSE.**

12 **(C) TO QUALIFY FOR EXPEDITED EDUCATOR CERTIFICATION UNDER**
13 **THIS SECTION, A SERVICE MEMBER, VETERAN, OR MILITARY SPOUSE SHALL:**

14 **(1) SUBMIT AN APPLICATION FOR EDUCATOR CERTIFICATION;**

15 **(2) HOLD A VALID EDUCATOR LICENSE OR CERTIFICATE IN GOOD**
16 **STANDING ISSUED IN ANOTHER STATE;**

17 **(3) MEET THE APPLICABLE QUALIFICATIONS FOR**
18 **CERTIFICATION IN COMAR 13A.12.01.04 AND.05; AND**

19 **(4) PAY THE APPLICABLE CERTIFICATION FEE.**

20 **(D) (1) SUBJECT TO PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, THE**
21 **STATE SUPERINTENDENT, AT THE REQUEST OF A LOCAL SCHOOL SYSTEM, MAY**
22 **ISSUE A TEMPORARY EDUCATOR CERTIFICATE TO A SERVICE MEMBER,**
23 **VETERAN, OR MILITARY SPOUSE WHO HOLDS A VALID EDUCATOR CERTIFICATE**
24 **OR LICENSE IN GOOD STANDING ISSUED IN ANOTHER STATE BUT WHO DOES NOT**
25 **MEET THE QUALIFICATIONS FOR EDUCATOR CERTIFICATION IN THIS STATE.**

26 **(2) A TEMPORARY EDUCATOR CERTIFICATE ISSUED UNDER THIS**
27 **SUBSECTION AUTHORIZES THE SERVICE MEMBER, VETERAN, OR MILITARY**
28 **SPOUSE, FOR A LIMITED PERIOD OF TIME, TO BE EMPLOYED AS AN EDUCATOR**
29 **IN THE STATE WHILE THE SERVICE MEMBER, VETERAN, OR MILITARY SPOUSE**
30 **COMPLETES ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR CERTIFICATION IN THIS STATE.**

1 **(E) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL PUBLISH PROMINENTLY ON ITS WEB SITE**
2 **THE PROCESS FOR OBTAINING EXPEDITED EDUCATOR CERTIFICATION UNDER**
3 **THIS SECTION.**

4 **(F) THE STATE BOARD MAY ADOPT REGULATIONS TO CARRY OUT THIS**
5 **SECTION.**

6 10–101.

7 (c) “Commission” means the Maryland Higher Education Commission.

8 13–501.

9 (f) “EMS Board” means the State Emergency Medical Services Board.

10 13–516.

11 **(B–1) (1) IN THIS SUBSECTION, “SERVICE MEMBER” MEANS AN**
12 **INDIVIDUAL WHO IS AN ACTIVE DUTY MEMBER OF:**

13 **(I) THE ARMED FORCES OF THE UNITED STATES;**

14 **(II) A RESERVE COMPONENT OF THE ARMED FORCES OF**
15 **THE UNITED STATES; OR**

16 **(III) THE NATIONAL GUARD OF ANY STATE.**

17 **(2) (I) IN CALCULATING AN INDIVIDUAL’S YEARS OF**
18 **EXPERIENCE IN AN OCCUPATION OR PROFESSION, THE EMS BOARD SHALL**
19 **GIVE CREDIT TO THE INDIVIDUAL FOR ALL RELEVANT EXPERIENCE AS A**
20 **SERVICE MEMBER.**

21 **(II) THE EMS BOARD SHALL CREDIT ANY TRAINING AND**
22 **EDUCATION PROVIDED BY THE MILITARY AND COMPLETED BY A SERVICE**
23 **MEMBER TOWARD ANY TRAINING OR EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS FOR**
24 **LICENSURE OR CERTIFICATION IF THE TRAINING OR EDUCATION IS**
25 **DETERMINED BY THE EMS BOARD TO BE:**

26 **1. SUBSTANTIALLY EQUIVALENT TO THE TRAINING**
27 **OR EDUCATION REQUIRED BY THE EMS BOARD; AND**

28 **2. NOT OTHERWISE CONTRARY TO ANY OTHER**
29 **LICENSING REQUIREMENT.**

1 15-113.

2 (A) THE COMMISSION, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE PUBLIC
3 INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION IN THE STATE, SHALL DEVELOP AND
4 ADOPT GUIDELINES ON AWARDING ACADEMIC CREDIT FOR A STUDENT'S
5 MILITARY TRAINING, COURSEWORK, AND EDUCATION.

6 (B) IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE GUIDELINES DEVELOPED BY THE
7 COMMISSION UNDER SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION, THE GOVERNING BODY
8 OF EACH PUBLIC INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION IN THE STATE SHALL
9 DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT POLICIES GOVERNING THE AWARDING OF ACADEMIC
10 CREDIT FOR A STUDENT'S MILITARY TRAINING, COURSEWORK, AND EDUCATION.

11 Article – Financial Institutions

12 11-612.2.

13 (A) (1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE
14 MEANINGS INDICATED.

15 (2) "MILITARY SPOUSE" MEANS THE SPOUSE OF A SERVICE
16 MEMBER OR VETERAN.

17 (3) "SERVICE MEMBER" MEANS AN INDIVIDUAL WHO IS AN
18 ACTIVE DUTY MEMBER OF:

19 (I) THE ARMED FORCES OF THE UNITED STATES;

20 (II) A RESERVE COMPONENT OF THE ARMED FORCES OF
21 THE UNITED STATES; OR

22 (III) THE NATIONAL GUARD OF ANY STATE.

23 (4) (I) "VETERAN" MEANS A FORMER SERVICE MEMBER WHO
24 WAS HONORABLY DISCHARGED FROM ACTIVE DUTY WITHIN 1 YEAR BEFORE THE
25 DATE ON WHICH THE LICENSE APPLICATION, RENEWAL, OR CHANGE OF STATUS
26 IS SUBMITTED.

27 (II) "VETERAN" DOES NOT INCLUDE AN INDIVIDUAL WHO
28 HAS COMPLETED ACTIVE DUTY AND HAS BEEN DISCHARGED FOR MORE THAN 1
29 YEAR BEFORE THE LICENSE APPLICATION, RENEWAL, OR CHANGE OF STATUS IS
30 SUBMITTED.

1 **(B) TO EXPEDITE THE RENEWAL OR CHANGE OF STATUS OF A LICENSE**
2 **FOR A SERVICE MEMBER, VETERAN, OR MILITARY SPOUSE, THE COMMISSIONER:**

3 **(1) SHALL WAIVE, AS APPLICABLE, THE STATE CRIMINAL**
4 **HISTORY RECORDS CHECK; AND**

5 **(2) MAY WAIVE OR SUSPEND ANY OTHER LICENSING**
6 **REQUIREMENTS TO THE EXTENT THAT THE WAIVER OR SUSPENSION DOES NOT**
7 **RESULT IN THE FAILURE TO MEET THE MINIMUM LICENSING STANDARDS SET**
8 **FORTH IN 12 U.S.C. CHAPTER 51 AND THE REGULATIONS ADOPTED UNDER IT.**

9 **(C) TO EXPEDITE THE ISSUANCE OF A LICENSE TO A SERVICE MEMBER,**
10 **VETERAN, OR MILITARY SPOUSE WHO HOLDS A VALID MORTGAGE LOAN**
11 **ORIGINATOR LICENSE IN ANOTHER STATE, THE COMMISSIONER:**

12 **(1) SHALL WAIVE THE STATE CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORDS**
13 **CHECK; AND**

14 **(2) MAY WAIVE OR SUSPEND ANY OTHER LICENSING**
15 **REQUIREMENTS TO THE EXTENT THAT THE WAIVER OR SUSPENSION DOES NOT**
16 **RESULT IN THE FAILURE TO MEET THE MINIMUM LICENSING STANDARDS SET**
17 **FORTH IN 12 U.S.C. CHAPTER 51 AND THE REGULATIONS ADOPTED UNDER IT.**

18 **(D) THE COMMISSIONER SHALL PUBLISH PROMINENTLY ON THE**
19 **COMMISSIONER’S WEB SITE, OR HAVE PUBLISHED ON A THIRD-PARTY WEB**
20 **SITE USED FOR LICENSING MORTGAGE LOAN ORIGINATORS IN THE STATE, THE**
21 **EXPEDITED PROCESSES FOR THE ISSUANCE, RENEWAL, OR CHANGE OF STATUS**
22 **OF A LICENSE UNDER THIS SECTION.**

23 **(E) THE COMMISSIONER MAY ADOPT REGULATIONS TO CARRY OUT**
24 **THIS SECTION.**

25 **Article – Health Occupations**

26 **SUBTITLE 7. SERVICE MEMBERS, VETERANS, AND MILITARY SPOUSES –**
27 **LICENSING.**

28 **1-701.**

29 **(A) IN THIS SUBTITLE THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS**
30 **INDICATED.**

31 **(B) “HEALTH OCCUPATIONS BOARD” MEANS A BOARD AUTHORIZED TO**
32 **ISSUE A LICENSE, CERTIFICATE, OR REGISTRATION UNDER THIS ARTICLE.**

1 (C) **“MILITARY SPOUSE” MEANS THE SPOUSE OF A SERVICE MEMBER OR**
2 **VETERAN.**

3 (D) **“SERVICE MEMBER” MEANS AN INDIVIDUAL WHO IS AN ACTIVE**
4 **DUTY MEMBER OF:**

5 (1) **THE ARMED FORCES OF THE UNITED STATES;**

6 (2) **A RESERVE COMPONENT OF THE ARMED FORCES OF THE**
7 **UNITED STATES; OR**

8 (3) **THE NATIONAL GUARD OF ANY STATE.**

9 (E) (1) **“VETERAN” MEANS A FORMER SERVICE MEMBER WHO WAS**
10 **HONORABLY DISCHARGED FROM ACTIVE DUTY WITHIN 1 YEAR BEFORE THE**
11 **DATE ON WHICH THE APPLICATION FOR A LICENSE, CERTIFICATE, OR**
12 **REGISTRATION IS SUBMITTED.**

13 (2) **“VETERAN” DOES NOT INCLUDE AN INDIVIDUAL WHO HAS**
14 **COMPLETED ACTIVE DUTY AND HAS BEEN DISCHARGED FOR MORE THAN 1 YEAR**
15 **BEFORE THE APPLICATION FOR A LICENSE, CERTIFICATE, OR REGISTRATION IS**
16 **SUBMITTED.**

17 **1-702.**

18 (A) **IN CALCULATING AN INDIVIDUAL’S YEARS OF PRACTICE IN A**
19 **HEALTH OCCUPATION, EACH HEALTH OCCUPATIONS BOARD SHALL GIVE CREDIT**
20 **TO THE INDIVIDUAL FOR ALL RELEVANT EXPERIENCE AS A SERVICE MEMBER.**

21 (B) **EACH HEALTH OCCUPATIONS BOARD SHALL CREDIT ANY TRAINING**
22 **AND EDUCATION PROVIDED BY THE MILITARY AND COMPLETED BY A SERVICE**
23 **MEMBER TOWARD ANY TRAINING OR EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS FOR**
24 **LICENSURE, CERTIFICATION, OR REGISTRATION IF THE TRAINING OR**
25 **EDUCATION IS DETERMINED BY THE HEALTH OCCUPATIONS BOARD TO BE:**

26 (1) **SUBSTANTIALLY EQUIVALENT TO THE TRAINING OR**
27 **EDUCATION REQUIRED BY THE HEALTH OCCUPATIONS BOARD; AND**

28 (2) **NOT OTHERWISE CONTRARY TO ANY OTHER LICENSING**
29 **REQUIREMENT.**

30 **1-703.**

1 **(A) (1) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION,**
2 **EACH HEALTH OCCUPATIONS BOARD SHALL ISSUE AN EXPEDITED TEMPORARY**
3 **LICENSE, CERTIFICATE, OR REGISTRATION TO A SERVICE MEMBER, VETERAN,**
4 **OR MILITARY SPOUSE WHO MEETS THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS SUBSECTION.**

5 **(2) A TEMPORARY LICENSE, CERTIFICATE, OR REGISTRATION**
6 **ISSUED UNDER THIS SUBSECTION IS VALID UNTIL THE EARLIER OF:**

7 **(I) 6 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF ISSUANCE; OR**

8 **(II) THE DATE ON WHICH A LICENSE, CERTIFICATE, OR**
9 **REGISTRATION IS GRANTED OR A NOTICE TO DENY A LICENSE, CERTIFICATE, OR**
10 **REGISTRATION IS ISSUED BY THE HEALTH OCCUPATIONS BOARD.**

11 **(3) AN APPLICATION FOR A TEMPORARY LICENSE, CERTIFICATE,**
12 **OR REGISTRATION TO PRACTICE A HEALTH OCCUPATION UNDER THIS**
13 **SUBSECTION SHALL INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING, IN THE FORM AND MANNER**
14 **REQUIRED BY THE HEALTH OCCUPATIONS BOARD:**

15 **(I) PROOF THAT THE APPLICANT IS A SERVICE MEMBER,**
16 **VETERAN, OR MILITARY SPOUSE;**

17 **(II) PROOF THAT THE APPLICANT HOLDS A VALID LICENSE,**
18 **CERTIFICATE, OR REGISTRATION IN GOOD STANDING ISSUED IN ANOTHER**
19 **STATE;**

20 **(III) IF THE APPLICANT IS A SERVICE MEMBER OR VETERAN,**
21 **PROOF THAT THE APPLICANT IS ASSIGNED TO A DUTY STATION IN THE STATE**
22 **OR HAS ESTABLISHED LEGAL RESIDENCE IN THE STATE;**

23 **(IV) IF THE APPLICANT IS A MILITARY SPOUSE, PROOF THAT**
24 **THE APPLICANT'S SPOUSE IS ASSIGNED TO A DUTY STATION IN THE STATE OR**
25 **HAS ESTABLISHED LEGAL RESIDENCE IN THE STATE;**

26 **(V) IF A CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECK IS REQUIRED BY**
27 **THE HEALTH OCCUPATIONS BOARD FOR LICENSURE, CERTIFICATION, OR**
28 **REGISTRATION, PROOF OF APPLICATION FOR A CRIMINAL BACKGROUND**
29 **CHECK;**

30 **(VI) PROOF THAT THE APPLICANT HAS SUBMITTED THE**
31 **FULL APPLICATION FOR LICENSURE, CERTIFICATION, OR REGISTRATION; AND**

1 **(VII) PAYMENT OF ANY APPLICATION FEE REQUIRED BY THE**
2 **HEALTH OCCUPATIONS BOARD.**

3 **(4) BEFORE ISSUING A TEMPORARY LICENSE UNDER THIS**
4 **SUBSECTION, THE HEALTH OCCUPATIONS BOARD SHALL DETERMINE THAT THE**
5 **REQUIREMENTS FOR LICENSURE, CERTIFICATION, OR REGISTRATION IN THE**
6 **OTHER STATE ARE SUBSTANTIALLY EQUIVALENT TO, OR EXCEED THE**
7 **REQUIREMENTS FOR, LICENSURE, CERTIFICATION, OR REGISTRATION IN THIS**
8 **STATE.**

9 **(B) (1) A HEALTH OCCUPATIONS BOARD MAY APPLY TO THE**
10 **SECRETARY FOR CONSIDERATION OF A PROCESS FOR LICENSURE,**
11 **CERTIFICATION, OR REGISTRATION THAT DOES NOT MEET THE REQUIREMENTS**
12 **OF SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION, BUT THAT ALLOWS SERVICE MEMBERS,**
13 **VETERANS, AND MILITARY SPOUSES TO OBTAIN A LICENSE, CERTIFICATE, OR**
14 **REGISTRATION UNDER THIS ARTICLE IN AN EXPEDITED MANNER THAT MEETS**
15 **THE GOALS OF SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION.**

16 **(2) IF THE SECRETARY APPROVES AN ALTERNATIVE PROCESS**
17 **FOR LICENSURE, CERTIFICATION, OR REGISTRATION UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF**
18 **THIS SUBSECTION, THEN THE HEALTH OCCUPATIONS BOARD SHALL BE**
19 **CONSIDERED TO HAVE FULFILLED THE REQUIREMENTS OF SUBSECTION (A) OF**
20 **THIS SECTION.**

21 **1-704.**

22 **(A) SUBJECT TO SUBSECTIONS (B) AND (C) OF THIS SECTION, A HEALTH**
23 **OCCUPATIONS BOARD MAY ISSUE A TEMPORARY LICENSE, CERTIFICATE, OR**
24 **REGISTRATION TO A SERVICE MEMBER, VETERAN, OR MILITARY SPOUSE WHO**
25 **HOLDS A VALID LICENSE, CERTIFICATE, OR REGISTRATION IN GOOD STANDING**
26 **ISSUED IN ANOTHER STATE FOR WHICH THE REQUIREMENTS FOR LICENSURE,**
27 **CERTIFICATION, OR REGISTRATION ARE NOT SUBSTANTIALLY EQUIVALENT TO**
28 **THE REQUIREMENTS IN THIS STATE.**

29 **(B) A TEMPORARY LICENSE, CERTIFICATE, OR REGISTRATION ISSUED**
30 **UNDER THIS SECTION AUTHORIZES THE SERVICE MEMBER, VETERAN, OR**
31 **MILITARY SPOUSE, FOR A LIMITED PERIOD OF TIME, TO PERFORM SERVICES**
32 **REGULATED BY THE HEALTH OCCUPATIONS BOARD WHILE THE SERVICE**
33 **MEMBER, VETERAN, OR MILITARY SPOUSE COMPLETES ADDITIONAL**
34 **REQUIREMENTS FOR LICENSURE, CERTIFICATION, OR REGISTRATION IN THIS**
35 **STATE.**

1 **(C) A HEALTH OCCUPATIONS BOARD MAY NOT ISSUE A LICENSE,**
2 **CERTIFICATE, OR REGISTRATION UNDER THIS SECTION IF ISSUANCE OF THE**
3 **LICENSE, CERTIFICATE, OR REGISTRATION WOULD POSE A RISK TO PUBLIC**
4 **HEALTH, WELFARE, OR SAFETY.**

5 **1-705.**

6 **EACH HEALTH OCCUPATIONS BOARD SHALL PUBLISH PROMINENTLY ON**
7 **ITS WEB SITE:**

8 **(1) THE PROCESS FOR OBTAINING A TEMPORARY LICENSE,**
9 **CERTIFICATE, OR REGISTRATION UNDER § 1-703 OF THIS SUBTITLE AND, IF**
10 **APPLICABLE, § 1-704 OF THIS SUBTITLE; AND**

11 **(2) THE PROCESS FOR APPLYING FOR A PERMANENT LICENSE,**
12 **CERTIFICATE, OR REGISTRATION FROM THE HEALTH OCCUPATIONS BOARD.**

13 **1-706.**

14 **EACH HEALTH OCCUPATIONS BOARD MAY ADOPT REGULATIONS TO**
15 **CARRY OUT THIS SUBTITLE.**

16 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That on or before January 1,
17 2014, the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, the Department of Labor,
18 Licensing, and Regulation, the State Department of Education, the Maryland Institute
19 for Emergency Medical Services Systems, and the Maryland Higher Education
20 Commission shall report to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State
21 Government Article, the General Assembly on the implementation of this Act.

22 SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
23 July 1, 2013.