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103RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE STINNETT.

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JOSEPH ENGLER, Chief Clerk

AN ACT

To repeal section 324.009, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to licensure reciprocity for spouses of law enforcement officers.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Section 324.009, RSMo, is repealed and one new section enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as section 324.009, to read as follows:

324.009. 1. For purposes of this section, the following terms mean:

(1) "License", a license, certificate, registration, permit, accreditation, or military occupational speciality that enables a person to legally practice an occupation or profession in a particular jurisdiction;

(2) "Military", the Armed Forces of the United States including the Air Force, Army, Coast Guard, Marine Corps, Navy, Space Force, National Guard and any other military branch that is designated by Congress as part of the Armed Forces of the United States, and all reserve components and auxiliaries. Such term also includes the military reserves and militia of any United States territory or state;

(3) **"Missouri law enforcement officer", any person employed by or otherwise serving in a position for the state or a local governmental entity as a police officer, peace officer certified under chapter 590, auxiliary police officer, sheriff, sheriff's deputy, member of the patrol as that term is defined in section 43.010, or in some like position involving the enforcement of the law and protection of the public interest at the risk of that person's life and who is a permanent resident of the state of Missouri or who is domiciled in the state of Missouri;**

EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets ~~thus~~ in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.

17 (4) "Nonresident military spouse", a nonresident spouse of an active duty member of
18 the Armed Forces of the United States who has been transferred or is scheduled to be
19 transferred to the state of Missouri, or who has been transferred or is scheduled to be
20 transferred to an adjacent state and is or will be domiciled in the state of Missouri, or has
21 moved to the state of Missouri on a permanent change-of-station basis;

22 ~~(4)~~ (5) "Oversight body", any board, department, agency, or office of a jurisdiction
23 that issues licenses;

24 ~~(5)~~ (6) "Resident military **or law enforcement** spouse", a spouse of an active duty
25 member of the Armed Forces of the United States who has been transferred or is scheduled to
26 be transferred to the state of Missouri or an adjacent state and who is a permanent resident of
27 the state of Missouri, who is domiciled in the state of Missouri, or who has Missouri as his or
28 her home of record **or a spouse of a Missouri law enforcement officer who is a permanent**
29 **resident of the state of Missouri, who is domiciled in the state of Missouri, or who has**
30 **Missouri as his or her home of record.**

31 2. Any person who holds a valid current license issued by another state, a branch or
32 unit of the military, a territory of the United States, or the District of Columbia, and who has
33 been licensed for at least one year in such other jurisdiction, may submit an application for a
34 license in Missouri in the same occupation or profession, and at the same practice level, for
35 which he or she holds the current license, along with proof of current licensure and proof of
36 licensure for at least one year in the other jurisdiction, to the relevant oversight body in this
37 state.

38 3. The oversight body in this state shall:

39 (1) Within six months of receiving an application described in subsection 2 of this
40 section, waive any examination, educational, or experience requirements for licensure in this
41 state for the applicant if it determines that there were minimum education requirements and, if
42 applicable, work experience and clinical supervision requirements in effect and the other state
43 verifies that the person met those requirements in order to be licensed or certified in that state.
44 An oversight body that administers an examination on laws of this state as part of its licensing
45 application requirement may require an applicant to take and pass an examination specific to
46 the laws of this state; or

47 (2) Within thirty days of receiving an application described in subsection 2 of this
48 section from a nonresident military **or law enforcement** spouse or a resident military spouse,
49 waive any examination, educational, or experience requirements for licensure in this state for
50 the applicant and issue such applicant a license under this section if such applicant otherwise
51 meets the requirements of this section.

52 4. (1) The oversight body shall not waive any examination, educational, or
53 experience requirements for any applicant who has had his or her license revoked by an

54 oversight body outside the state; who is currently under investigation, who has a complaint
55 pending, or who is currently under disciplinary action, except as provided in subdivision (2)
56 of this subsection, with an oversight body outside the state; who does not hold a license in
57 good standing with an oversight body outside the state; who has a criminal record that would
58 disqualify him or her for licensure in Missouri; or who does not hold a valid current license in
59 the other jurisdiction on the date the oversight body receives his or her application under this
60 section.

61 (2) If another jurisdiction has taken disciplinary action against an applicant, the
62 oversight body shall determine if the cause for the action was corrected and the matter
63 resolved. If the matter has not been resolved by that jurisdiction, the oversight body may
64 deny a license until the matter is resolved.

65 5. Nothing in this section shall prohibit the oversight body from denying a license to
66 an applicant under this section for any reason described in any section associated with the
67 occupation or profession for which the applicant seeks a license.

68 6. Any person who is licensed under the provisions of this section shall be subject to
69 the applicable oversight body's jurisdiction and all rules and regulations pertaining to the
70 practice of the licensed occupation or profession in this state.

71 7. This section shall not be construed to waive any requirement for an applicant to
72 pay any fees, post any bonds or surety bonds, or submit proof of insurance associated with the
73 license the applicant seeks.

74 8. This section shall not apply to business, professional, or occupational licenses
75 issued or required by political subdivisions.

76 9. The provisions of this section shall not impede an oversight body's authority to
77 require an applicant to submit fingerprints as part of the application process.

78 10. The provisions of this section shall not apply to an oversight body that has entered
79 into a licensing compact with another state for the regulation of practice under the oversight
80 body's jurisdiction. The provisions of this section shall not be construed to alter the authority
81 granted by, or any requirements promulgated pursuant to, any interjurisdictional or interstate
82 compacts adopted by Missouri statute or any reciprocity agreements with other states in effect
83 on August 28, 2018, and whenever possible this section shall be interpreted so as to imply no
84 conflict between it and any compact, or any reciprocity agreements with other states in effect
85 on August 28, 2018.

86 11. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a license issued under this section
87 shall be valid only in this state and shall not make a licensee eligible to be part of an interstate
88 compact. An applicant who is licensed in another state pursuant to an interstate compact shall
89 not be eligible for licensure by an oversight body under the provisions of this section.

90 12. The provisions of this section shall not apply to any occupation set forth in
91 subsection 6 of section 290.257, or any electrical contractor licensed under sections 324.900
92 to 324.945.

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