

HOUSE BILL 968

By Curtiss

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4,
Chapter 3, Part 13; Title 62 and Title 68, relative to
boards and commissions.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-1-101, is amended by designating the existing language as subsection (a) and by adding the following language to be designated as subsection (b):

(b)

(1) Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, each health related board shall establish a procedure to expedite the issuance of a license, certification or permit to perform professional services regulated by each such board to a person:

(A) Who is certified or licensed in another state to perform professional services in a state other than Tennessee;

(B) Whose spouse is a member of the armed forces of the United States;

(C) Whose spouse is the subject of a military transfer to Tennessee; and

(D) Who left employment to accompany the person's spouse to Tennessee.

(2) The procedure shall include:

(A) Issuing the person a license, certificate or permit, if, in the opinion of the board, the requirements for certification or licensure of such other state are substantially equivalent to that required in this state; or

(B) Developing a method to authorize the person to perform professional services regulated by the board in this state by issuing the person a temporary permit for a limited period of time to allow the person to perform professional services while completing any specific requirements that may be required in this state that were not required in the state in which the person was licensed or certified.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 4-3-1304, is amended by adding the following language as a new subsection (d):

(d)

(1) Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, each board attached to the division of regulatory boards shall establish a procedure to expedite the issuance of a license, certification or permit to perform services regulated by each such board to a person who:

(A) Who is certified or licensed in another state to perform services in a state other than Tennessee;

(B) Whose spouse is a member of the armed forces of the United States;

(C) Whose spouse is the subject of a military transfer to Tennessee; and

(D) Who left employment to accompany the person's spouse to Tennessee.

(2) The procedure shall include:

(A) Issuing the person a license, certificate or permit if in the opinion of the board, the requirements for certification or licensure of such other state are substantially equivalent to that required in this state; or

(B) Developing a method to authorize the person to perform services regulated by the board in this state by issuing the person a temporary permit for a limited period of time to allow the person to perform services while completing any specific requirements that may be required in this state that were not required in the state in which the person was licensed or certified.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.