
DIGEST

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HB No. 312

Abstract: Provides a military servicemember 180 days from the day he is released from service to renew a government-issued license or a professional or occupational license. Provides certain military spouses 180 days from the day the military servicemember spouse is released from service to renew a professional or occupational license.

Present law suspends the payment of any governmental licensing renewal or reinstatement fees for a military servicemember, provided that any required renewal fee is paid within 90 days after the servicemember's release from service.

Proposed law retains present law but increases time limitation from 90 days to 180 days.

Proposed law provides for exemptions for a servicemember and a military spouse who has relocated with their servicemember spouse and have been ordered to active duty outside of the U.S. and who has provided evidence of deployment or relocation to the professional or occupational licensing board prior to expiration of the license from paying reinstatement and renewal fees for professional and occupational licenses and from completing continuing educational requirements during the period of time the servicemember is performing services in the uniformed services.

Proposed law requires the servicemember and military spouse to pay reinstatement fees and licensing renewal fees and complete the continuing educational requirements for the professional and occupational license which is not subject to minimum licensing standards set forth in federal law or regulation for the year in which the servicemember is released or discharged from active duty, within 180 days of being discharged or released from duty.

Proposed law authorizes a professional or occupational board to take any action that may be available to maintain occupational licenses or registrations which are subject to minimum standards set forth by federal law or regulation in an inactive or dormant status so that the servicemember or spouse may resume the licensed activity promptly upon satisfying applicable minimum standards.

(Amends R.S. 29:418; Adds R.S. 37:3652; Repeals R.S. 29:419)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

House Floor Amendments to the engrossed bill.

1. Added a provision which would require the servicemember and military spouse to provide evidence of deployment or relocation to the professional or occupational licensing board prior to expiration of their license and further changed certain exemptions from mandatory to permissive.
2. Added a provision which prohibits any license that is subject to minimum licensing standards set forth in federal law or regulation from continuing in full force and effect even if certain requirements are satisfied.
3. Authorized the professional or occupational licensing boards to take any available action to maintain the licenses in an inactive or dormant status so that the service member or spouse may resume the licensed activity promptly after satisfying the applicable minimum standards set forth by federal law or regulations.