

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

New law increases this time limitation from 90 days to 180 days.

New law provides for exemptions for a servicemember and a military spouse who has relocated with their servicemember spouse 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.

New 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.

New 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.

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