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1 AN ACT Relating to procedures allowing certain military spouses to
2 seek employment in state-licensed professional occupations after
3 relocating to Washington; amending RCW 28A.410.010; adding a new
4 chapter to Title 18 RCW; and creating a new section.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The lives of military families are dominated
7 by frequent deployments, relocations, and extended periods of single
8 parenthood. Military spouses are some of the most mobile populations
9 in our country, making the maintenance of professional licenses a
10 significant obstacle. According to the 2010 defense management data
11 center, there are thirty-three thousand three hundred eighty active
12 duty and ten thousand eight hundred thirty-seven reserve military
13 spouses residing in Washington. Military families depend on two
14 incomes and want to achieve their goals and aspirations. It is the
15 intent of the legislature to recognize the sacrifices made by military
16 families in service to our country and our state and to help alleviate
17 the hardships military families face due to their highly transient
18 life.

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** (1) For the purposes of this section,
2 "authority" means any board, commission, or other authority for
3 issuance of a license, certificate, registration, or permit under this
4 title.

5 (2) To the extent resources are available:

6 (a) Each authority shall establish procedures to expedite the
7 issuance of a license, certificate, or permit to perform professional
8 services regulated by each such authority to a person:

9 (i) Who is certified or licensed in another state to perform
10 professional services in that state;

11 (ii) Whose spouse is the subject of a military transfer to
12 Washington; and

13 (iii) Who left employment in the other state to accompany the
14 person's spouse to Washington.

15 (b) The procedure must include: A process for issuing the person
16 a license, certificate, registration, or permit, if, in the opinion of
17 the authority, the requirements for licensure, certification,
18 registration, or obtaining a permit of such other state are
19 substantially equivalent to that required in Washington.

20 (c) Each authority in this title shall develop a method and adopt
21 rules to authorize a person who meets the criteria in (a)(i) through
22 (iii) of this subsection to perform services regulated by the authority
23 in Washington by issuing the person a temporary license, certificate,
24 registration, or permit for a limited period of time to allow the
25 person to perform services regulated by the authority while completing
26 any specific requirements that may be required in Washington that were
27 not required in the other state in which the person is licensed,
28 certified, or registered, or has a permit, unless the authority finds
29 that the requirements for a license, certificate, registration, or
30 permit of the other state are substantially unequal to Washington
31 standards.

32 (d) An applicant must state in the application that he or she:

33 (i) Has requested verification from the other state or states that
34 the person is currently licensed, certified, registered, or has a
35 permit; and

36 (ii) Is not subject to any pending investigation, charges, or
37 disciplinary action by the regulatory body of the other state or
38 states.

1 (e) If the authority finds reasonable cause to believe that an
2 applicant falsely affirmed or stated either of the requirements under
3 (d)(i) or (ii) of this subsection, the authority may summarily suspend
4 the license, certificate, registration, or permit pending an
5 investigation or further action to discipline or revoke the license,
6 certificate, registration, or permit.

7 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** The regulating authorities for the
8 department of licensing, the department of health, the department of
9 labor and industries, and the superintendent of public instruction
10 shall appear before the joint committee on veteran and military affairs
11 in December 2012 to inform the committee as to their efforts to
12 implement the requirements of this chapter.

13 **Sec. 4.** RCW 28A.410.010 and 2005 c 497 s 203 are each amended to
14 read as follows:

15 (1)(a) The Washington professional educator standards board shall
16 establish, publish, and enforce rules determining eligibility for and
17 certification of personnel employed in the common schools of this
18 state, including certification for emergency or temporary, substitute
19 or provisional duty and under such certificates or permits as the board
20 shall deem proper or as otherwise prescribed by law. The rules shall
21 require that the initial application for certification shall require a
22 record check of the applicant through the Washington state patrol
23 criminal identification system and through the federal bureau of
24 investigation at the applicant's expense. The record check shall
25 include a fingerprint check using a complete Washington state criminal
26 identification fingerprint card. The superintendent of public
27 instruction may waive the record check for any applicant who has had a
28 record check within the two years before application. The rules shall
29 permit a holder of a lapsed certificate but not a revoked or suspended
30 certificate to be employed on a conditional basis by a school district
31 with the requirement that the holder must complete any certificate
32 renewal requirements established by the state board of education within
33 two years of initial reemployment.

34 (b) In establishing rules pertaining to the qualifications of
35 instructors of American sign language the board shall consult with the

1 national association of the deaf, "sign instructors guidance network"
2 (s.i.g.n.), and the Washington state association of the deaf for
3 evaluation and certification of sign language instructors.

4 (c) The board shall develop rules consistent with section 2 of this
5 act for the certification of spouses of military personnel.

6 (2) The superintendent of public instruction shall act as the
7 administrator of any such rules and have the power to issue any
8 certificates or permits and revoke the same in accordance with board
9 rules.

10 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** Sections 1 and 2 of this act constitute a
11 new chapter in Title 18 RCW.

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