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By Representatives Orwall, Bailey, Hudgins, Hurst, Kenney, and Kelley;  
by request of Department of Veterans Affairs

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1 AN ACT Relating to military spouses or registered domestic partners  
2 occupational licensing status during deployment or placement outside  
3 Washington state; and amending RCW 43.24.130 and 43.70.270.

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

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 43.24.130 and 1979 c 158 s 103 are each amended to  
6 read as follows:

7 (1) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the  
8 license of any person licensed by the director of licensing, or the  
9 boards and commissions listed in chapter 18.235 RCW, to practice a  
10 profession or engage in an occupation, if valid and in force and effect  
11 at the time the licensee entered service in the armed forces, the  
12 United States public health service commissioned corps, or the merchant  
13 marine of the United States, shall continue in full force and effect so  
14 long as such service continues, unless sooner suspended, canceled, or  
15 revoked for cause as provided by law. The director, board, or  
16 commission shall renew the license of every such person who applies for  
17 renewal thereof within six months after being honorably discharged from  
18 service upon payment of the renewal fee applicable to the then current  
19 year or other license period.

1       (2) If requested by the licensee, the license of a spouse or  
2 registered domestic partner of a servicemember in the United States  
3 armed forces, including the United States public health service  
4 commissioned corps, if valid and in force and effect at the time the  
5 servicemember is deployed or stationed in a location outside Washington  
6 state, must be placed in inactive military spouse or registered  
7 domestic partner status so long as such service continues, unless  
8 sooner suspended, canceled, or revoked for cause as provided by law.  
9 The director, board, or commission shall return to active status the  
10 license of every such person who applies for activation within six  
11 months after returning to Washington state, upon payment of the current  
12 renewal fee and meeting the current renewal conditions of the  
13 respective license.

14       (3) The director, board, or commission may adopt any rules  
15 necessary to implement this section.

16       **Sec. 2.** RCW 43.70.270 and 1989 1st ex.s. c 9 s 321 are each  
17 amended to read as follows:

18       (1) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the  
19 license of any person licensed by the secretary of health to practice  
20 a profession or engage in an occupation, if valid and in force and  
21 effect at the time the licensee entered service in the armed forces,  
22 the United States public health service commissioned corps, or the  
23 merchant marine of the United States, shall continue in full force and  
24 effect so long as such service continues, unless sooner suspended,  
25 canceled, or revoked for cause as provided by law. The secretary shall  
26 renew the license of every such person who applies for renewal thereof  
27 within six months after being honorably discharged from service upon  
28 payment of the renewal fee applicable to the then current year or other  
29 license period.

30       (2) If requested by the licensee, the license of a spouse or  
31 registered domestic partner of a servicemember in the United States  
32 armed forces, including the United States public health service  
33 commissioned corps, if valid and in force and effect at the time the  
34 servicemember is deployed or stationed in a location outside Washington  
35 state, must be placed in inactive military spouse or registered  
36 domestic partner status so long as such service continues, unless  
37 sooner suspended, canceled, or revoked for cause as provided by law.

1 The secretary shall return to active status the license of every such  
2 person who applies for renewal thereof within six months after the  
3 servicemember is honorably discharged from service, or sooner if  
4 requested by the licensee, upon payment of the renewal fee applicable  
5 to the then current year or other license period.

6 (3) The secretary may adopt any rules necessary to implement this  
7 section.

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