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1 AN ACT Relating to exempting veterans from fingerprint and
2 background check requirements for real estate broker, managing broker,
3 and firm licensees; and amending RCW 18.85.191.

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

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 18.85.191 and 2008 c 23 s 19 are each amended to read
6 as follows:

7 Before receiving a license, every real estate broker, managing
8 broker, and firm must pay a license fee as prescribed by the director
9 by rule. A license issued under the provisions of this chapter expires
10 two years from the issuance date. Licenses issued to real estate firms
11 that are partnerships, limited liability partnerships, limited
12 liability companies, corporations, and other legally recognized
13 business entities expire on the date when the registration or
14 certificate of authority filed with the secretary of state expires.
15 Licenses must be renewed every two years on or before the date
16 established under this section and a biennial renewal license fee as
17 prescribed by the director by rule must be paid. A license is
18 considered expired when the licensee fails to meet the renewal
19 requirements as of the date of renewal for that license.

1 If the director does not receive the application for a renewal
2 license on or before the renewal date, a penalty fee as prescribed by
3 the director by rule shall be paid. Acceptance by the director of an
4 application for renewal after the renewal date shall not be a waiver of
5 the delinquency.

6 The license of a person whose license renewal fee is not received
7 within one year from the date of expiration is canceled. This person
8 may obtain a new license by satisfying the procedures and requirements
9 as prescribed by the director by rule.

10 The director may issue to each active licensee a license and a
11 pocket identification card in the form and size as prescribed by rule.

12 The director must develop by rule a procedure and a schedule to
13 ensure all active licensees and licensees applying for active status,
14 renewal, or reinstatement have a fingerprint and background check done
15 on a regular basis. Veterans who have been honorably discharged from
16 a branch of the United States armed forces are exempt from the
17 fingerprint and background check under this section upon presentation
18 of their DD-214 form with their initial or renewal application.

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