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By Committee on Community Development, Housing & Tribal Affairs

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the
2 following:

3 "Sec. 1. RCW 18.340.010 and 2011 2nd sp.s. c 5 s 1 are each
4 amended to read as follows:

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

17 (2) Military service members work in many different professions and
18 occupations while in service. These members frequently receive
19 extensive training and experience through their service. However,
20 service members often have a difficult time converting their military
21 training and experience into civilian training, accreditation, or
22 employment when they leave the service. As a result, service members
23 face significant obstacles in making a smooth transition to civilian
24 life, including finding jobs for which they are qualified or obtaining
25 licenses in professions for which they have been trained and performed
26 while in service. It is the intent of the legislature to recognize the
27 training and experience gained through military service and to
28 eliminate the barriers for allowing service members to successfully
29 reenter the civilian workforce.

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 18.340 RCW
2 to read as follows:

3 The definitions in this section apply throughout this chapter
4 unless the context clearly requires otherwise.

5 (1) "Authority" means any board, commission, or other authority for
6 issuance of a license, certificate, registration, or permit under this
7 title, chapter 19.105 RCW, chapter 42.44 RCW, chapter 46.82 RCW,
8 chapter 64.36 RCW, and chapter 67.08 RCW.

9 (2) "Military" means any branch of the United States armed forces,
10 the national guard, and armed forces reserves.

11 **Sec. 3.** RCW 18.340.020 and 2011 2nd sp.s. c 5 s 2 are each amended
12 to read as follows:

13 ~~(1) ((For the purposes of this section, "authority" means any~~
14 ~~board, commission, or other authority for issuance of a license,~~
15 ~~certificate, registration, or permit under this title.~~

16 ~~(2))~~ To the extent resources are available ~~((+~~

17 ~~(a))~~, each authority shall establish procedures to expedite the
18 issuance of a license, certificate, registration, or permit to perform
19 professional services regulated by each ~~((such))~~ authority to a person:

20 ~~((i))~~ (a) Who is ~~((certified or))~~ licensed, certified, or
21 registered, or has a permit in another state to perform professional
22 services in that state;

23 ~~((ii))~~ (b) Whose spouse is the subject of a military transfer to
24 Washington; and

25 ~~((iii))~~ (c) Who left employment in the other state to accompany
26 the person's spouse to Washington.

27 ~~((b))~~ (2) The procedure must include a process for issuing the
28 person a license, certificate, registration, or permit, if, in the
29 opinion of the authority, the requirements for licensure,
30 certification, registration, or obtaining a permit of such other state
31 are substantially equivalent to that required in Washington.

32 ~~((c))~~ (3) Each authority ~~((in this title))~~ shall develop a method
33 and adopt rules to authorize a person who meets the criteria in
34 subsection (1)(a) ~~((i))~~ through ~~((iii))~~ (c) of this ~~((subsection))~~
35 section to perform services regulated by the authority in Washington by
36 issuing the person a temporary license, certificate, registration, or
37 permit for a limited period of time to allow the person to perform

1 services regulated by the authority while completing any specific
2 additional requirements in Washington that are not related to training
3 or practice standards of the profession that were not required in the
4 other state in which the person is licensed, certified, or registered,
5 or has a permit. Nothing in this section requires the authority to
6 issue a temporary license, certificate, registration, or permit if the
7 standards of the other state are substantially unequal to Washington
8 standards.

9 ~~((d))~~ (4) An applicant must state in the application that he or
10 she:

11 ~~((i))~~ (a) Has requested verification from the other state or
12 states that the person is currently licensed, certified, registered, or
13 has a permit; and

14 ~~((ii))~~ (b) Is not subject to any pending investigation, charges,
15 or disciplinary action by the regulatory body of the other state or
16 states.

17 ~~((e))~~ (5) If the authority finds reasonable cause to believe that
18 an applicant falsely affirmed or stated either of the requirements
19 under ~~((d)(i) or (ii) of this))~~ subsection (4)(a) or (b) of this
20 section, the authority may summarily suspend the license, certificate,
21 registration, or permit pending an investigation or further action to
22 discipline or revoke the license, certificate, registration, or permit.

23 NEW SECTION. Sec. 4. A new section is added to chapter 18.340 RCW
24 to read as follows:

25 (1) Each authority must recognize military training and experience
26 for satisfying any or all requirements for obtaining a license,
27 certificate, registration, or permit for professional services if:

28 (a) The applicant provides sufficient documentation of:

29 (i) The completion of a military training or education program;

30 (ii) Any experience working in an occupational or professional
31 field while in military service;

32 (iii) Any certificate, award, or other acknowledgment of
33 qualification to perform a job or specialized duty; or

34 (iv) Any other relevant training or experience; and

35 (b) The training, experience, or other qualification is
36 substantially equivalent to any or all of the requirements for

1 obtaining the license, certification, registration, or permit for
2 professional services issued by the authority.

3 (2) Each authority shall develop procedures to evaluate military
4 training and experience in relation to any and all requirements for
5 obtaining a license, certificate, registration, or permit for
6 professional services.

7 (3) If an authority determines that the documentation is not
8 substantially equivalent to meet any of the requirements, it must
9 inform the applicant in writing of its decision and identify the
10 specific criteria that were not met. The applicant must be provided an
11 opportunity to submit additional documentation or information that
12 addresses the identified deficiency.

13 (4) Each authority must maintain a list of all military training
14 programs, certificates, awards, or work experience that it has examined
15 and approved in an application that fulfills a requirement for
16 obtaining a license, certification, registration, or permit for
17 professional services. The list must be submitted to the department of
18 veterans affairs by each authority by December 1st of each year.

19 **Sec. 5.** RCW 19.105.570 and 2011 c 351 s 17 are each amended to
20 read as follows:

21 An applicant with military training or experience satisfies the
22 training or experience requirements of this chapter unless the director
23 determines that the military training or experience is not
24 substantially equivalent to the standards of this state, as provided in
25 section 4 of this act.

26 **Sec. 6.** RCW 42.44.220 and 2011 c 351 s 18 are each amended to read
27 as follows:

28 An applicant with military training or experience satisfies the
29 training or experience requirements of this chapter unless the director
30 determines that the military training or experience is not
31 substantially equivalent to the standards of this state, as provided in
32 section 4 of this act.

33 **Sec. 7.** RCW 46.82.440 and 2011 c 351 s 19 are each amended to read
34 as follows:

35 An applicant with military training or experience satisfies the

1 training or experience requirements of this chapter unless the director
2 determines that the military training or experience is not
3 substantially equivalent to the standards of this state, as provided in
4 section 4 of this act.

5 **Sec. 8.** RCW 64.36.350 and 2011 c 351 s 20 are each amended to read
6 as follows:

7 An applicant with military training or experience satisfies the
8 training or experience requirements of this chapter unless the director
9 determines that the military training or experience is not
10 substantially equivalent to the standards of this state, as provided in
11 section 4 of this act.

12 **Sec. 9.** RCW 67.08.320 and 2011 c 351 s 21 are each amended to read
13 as follows:

14 An applicant with military training or experience satisfies the
15 training or experience requirements of this chapter unless the director
16 determines that the military training or experience is not
17 substantially equivalent to the standards of this state, as provided in
18 section 4 of this act.

19 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 10.** The following acts or parts of acts are
20 each repealed:

21 (1) RCW 18.08.500 (Military training or experience) and 2011 c 351
22 s 1;

23 (2) RCW 18.11.290 (Military training or experience) and 2011 c 351
24 s 2;

25 (3) RCW 18.16.300 (Military training or experience) and 2011 c 351
26 s 3;

27 (4) RCW 18.30.095 (Licensing requirements--Military training or
28 experience) and 2013 c 171 s 4 & 2011 c 32 s 1;

29 (5) RCW 18.34.151 (Licensing requirements--Military training or
30 experience) and 2011 c 32 s 2;

31 (6) RCW 18.39.570 (Military training or experience) and 2011 c 351
32 s 4;

33 (7) RCW 18.43.190 (Military training or experience) and 2011 c 351
34 s 5;

1 (8) RCW 18.55.043 (Licensing requirements--Military training or
2 experience) and 2011 c 32 s 3;
3 (9) RCW 18.57A.023 (Practice requirements--Military training and
4 experience) and 2011 c 32 s 4;
5 (10) RCW 18.64A.025 (Qualifications--Military training and
6 experience) and 2013 c 19 s 34 & 2011 c 32 s 5;
7 (11) RCW 18.71A.023 (Practice requirements--Military training or
8 experience) and 2011 c 32 s 6;
9 (12) RCW 18.73.155 (Requirements--Military training or experience)
10 and 2011 c 32 s 7;
11 (13) RCW 18.74.033 (Qualifications--Military training and
12 experience) and 2011 c 32 s 8;
13 (14) RCW 18.84.095 (Certification--Military training or experience)
14 and 2011 c 32 s 9;
15 (15) RCW 18.85.490 (Military training or experience) and 2011 c 351
16 s 6;
17 (16) RCW 18.88A.088 (Certification--Military training or
18 experience) and 2011 c 32 s 10;
19 (17) RCW 18.89.095 (Licensure--Qualifications--Military training or
20 experience) and 2011 c 32 s 11;
21 (18) RCW 18.96.230 (Military training or experience) and 2011 c 351
22 s 7;
23 (19) RCW 18.135.035 (Requirements for certification--Military
24 training or experience) and 2011 c 32 s 12;
25 (20) RCW 18.140.290 (Military training or experience) and 2011 c
26 351 s 8;
27 (21) RCW 18.145.150 (Military training or experience) and 2011 c
28 351 s 9;
29 (22) RCW 18.165.310 (Military training or experience) and 2011 c
30 351 s 10;
31 (23) RCW 18.170.310 (Military training or experience) and 2011 c
32 351 s 11;
33 (24) RCW 18.185.310 (Military training or experience) and 2011 c
34 351 s 12;
35 (25) RCW 18.210.230 (Military training or experience) and 2011 c
36 351 s 13;
37 (26) RCW 18.215.090 (Registration requirements--Military training
38 or experience) and 2011 c 32 s 13;

1 (27) RCW 18.220.211 (Military training or experience) and 2011 c
2 351 s 14;
3 (28) RCW 18.260.065 (Registration or licensing requirements--
4 Military training or experience) and 2011 c 32 s 14;
5 (29) RCW 18.280.200 (Military training or experience) and 2011 c
6 351 s 15;
7 (30) RCW 18.300.160 (Military training or experience) and 2011 c
8 351 s 16; and
9 (31) RCW 18.360.110 (Military training or experience) and 2012 c
10 153 s 12."

11 Correct the title.

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