

A bill for an act

relating to employment; requiring state agencies and professional licensing boards to expedite license processing for members of the military; providing for temporary licensure for certain military members; authorizing rulemaking; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 197.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

Section 1. **[197.4552] FORMER AND CURRENT MEMBERS OF THE MILITARY.**

Subdivision 1. Expedited licensing processing. Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, each state agency and professional licensing board defined in section 214.01, subdivisions 2 and 3, shall establish a procedure to expedite the issuance of a license or certification to perform professional services regulated by each state agency or board to a qualified individual who is:

(1) an active duty military member;

(2) the spouse of an active duty military member; or

(3) an inactive military veteran who has left service in the two years preceding the date of license or certification application, and has confirmation of an honorable or general discharge status.

Subd. 2. Temporary licenses. (a) Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, each state agency and professional licensing board defined in section 214.01, subdivisions 2 and 3, shall establish a procedure to issue a temporary license or certification to perform professional services regulated by each board to a qualified individual who is:

(1) an active duty military member;

(2) the spouse of an active duty military member; or

2.1 (3) an inactive military veteran who has left service in the two years preceding  
2.2 the date of license or certification application, and has confirmation of an honorable or  
2.3 general discharge status.

2.4 (b) A qualified individual under paragraph (a) must provide evidence of:

2.5 (1) a current, valid license, certificate, or permit in another state without history of  
2.6 disciplinary action by a regulatory authority in the other state; and

2.7 (2) a current criminal background study without a criminal conviction that is  
2.8 determined by the state agency or board to adversely affect the applicants' ability to  
2.9 become licensed.

2.10 (c) A temporary license or certificate issued under this subdivision shall allow a  
2.11 qualified individual to perform regulated professional services for a limited length of time  
2.12 as determined by the state agency or licensing board. During the temporary license period,  
2.13 the individual shall complete the full application procedure as required by applicable law.

2.14 Subd. 3. **Rulemaking.** Each state agency or licensing board may adopt rules to  
2.15 carry out the provisions of this section.