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Bill Summary

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Overview

Provides for expedited professional license processing and for temporary licenses for active duty military members and their spouses and for veterans who left service in the prior two years.

Section

Former and current members of the military. Requires each state agency and licensing board to establish a procedure to expedite the issuance of professional licenses and certifications to qualified active duty military members and their spouses or veterans who left service in the prior two years with an honorable or general discharge.

Requires each state agency and licensing board to establish a procedure to issue temporary professional licenses or certifications to qualified persons who are active duty military members and their spouses or veterans who left service in the prior two years with an honorable or general discharge. To be eligible for a temporary license, a qualified individual must provide evidence of a current license of certificate in another state, without history of disciplinary action, and a criminal background study without a conviction that affects the applicants' ability to become licensed. Requires a person who receives a temporary license to complete the full application process during the limited temporary license period determined by the state agency.

Authorizes state agencies to adopt rules to carry out this section.