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# Bill Summary

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## Overview

This bill provides a process for qualified current members—and their spouses—and former members of the military to receive expedited, temporary licenses in the following professions: licensed professional counseling (LPC), licensed professional clinical counseling (LPCC), and licensed alcohol and drug counseling (LADC).

#### **Section**

1 Expedited, Temporary License Processing for Licensed Professional Counselors; Military.

Authorizes qualified current and former members of the military to earn an expedited, temporary license in the field of professional counseling. A qualified individual is someone who is an active duty military member or a spouse, or a veteran who has left service in the past two years. Requires qualified individuals to provide evidence of a current license, certificate, or permit in another state without history of disciplinary action, and a criminal background study without a relevant criminal conviction.

A temporary LPC license is valid for 12 months. To earn a permanent license, a temporary licensee must meet the standards for all applicants.

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