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ENROLLED, An Act,

Relating to professional licenses and certificates for spouses of active duty military personnel; to expedite the issuance of and to acknowledge those licenses obtained in other jurisdictions.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

Section 1. Except as provided in Section 5 of this act, and notwithstanding other provisions of law, this act shall apply to any board, agency, commission, or other entity providing professional licenses or certificates, or both, for the purpose of employment in the State of Alabama. Each board, commission, or agency providing professional licenses or certificates, or both, may promulgate rules in conformity with this act for the purpose of implementing its requirements.

Section 2. Except as provided in Section 5 of this act, and notwithstanding other provisions of law, this act shall apply to individuals who:

(1) Are married to and living with an active duty member of the United States Armed Forces who is relocated to and stationed in the State of Alabama under official military orders.

(2) Have not committed or participated in an act that would constitute grounds for refusal, suspension, or revocation of a professional license or certificate.

1 (3) Have not been disciplined by an authorized
2 entity or are under investigation, in any jurisdiction, in
3 relation to a professional license or certificate.

4 (4) Pay any required fee and submit to any required
5 criminal or other background check by an authorized board,
6 commission, or agency in the State of Alabama.

7 Section 3. Any eligible individual under Section 2
8 of this act who possesses a valid license or certificate in
9 another state, district, or territory of the United States
10 with licensing or certification requirements greater than or
11 substantially similar to the licensing or certification
12 requirements of the appropriate board, commission, or agency
13 in the State of Alabama may be approved to continue work in
14 his or her profession upon relocation to the State of Alabama
15 for such time as normally allotted with receipt of a license
16 or certificate from the appropriate board, commission, or
17 agency provided that upon completion of an application that
18 documents compliance with the receiving agency's requirements
19 for a certificate or license, an authorized board, commission,
20 or agency shall expedite the application according to statute,
21 promulgated rules, or if applicable, at the next scheduled
22 licensure proceeding for an eligible individual under Section
23 2 of this Act.

1 Section 4. Any board, commission, or agency in the
2 State of Alabama may establish reciprocity with other states
3 for military spouse professional licensing and certification.

4 Section 5. This act does not apply to the practice
5 of law or the regulation of attorneys.

6 Section 6. This act shall become effective on the
7 first day of the third month following its passage and
8 approval by the Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.

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Speaker of the House of Representatives

President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

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I hereby certify that the within Act originated in
and was passed by the House 03-MAY-12, as amended.

Greg Pappas
Clerk

Senate

16-MAY-12

Passed