

1-1 By: Van de Putte, Shapleigh S.B. No. 1240
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed March 2, 2009; March 17, 2009, read
1-3 first time and referred to Committee on Veteran Affairs and
1-4 Military Installations; April 17, 2009, reported favorably by the
1-5 following vote: Yeas 4, Nays 0; April 17, 2009, sent to printer.)

1-6 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-7 AN ACT

1-8 relating to the temporary occupational licensing of members of the
1-9 military and their spouses.

1-10 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-11 SECTION 1. The heading to Chapter 55, Occupations Code, is
1-12 amended to read as follows:

1-13 CHAPTER 55. LICENSING OF [RENEWAL OF LICENSE WHILE ON] MILITARY
1-14 MEMBER OR MILITARY SPOUSE [DUTY]

1-15 SECTION 2. Chapter 55, Occupations Code, is amended by
1-16 adding Section 55.004 to read as follows:

1-17 Sec. 55.004. TEMPORARY LICENSE. (a) In this section,
1-18 "military" means the armed forces of the United States.

1-19 (b) A state agency that issues a license shall adopt rules
1-20 for the expedited issuance of a temporary license to an applicant
1-21 who:

1-22 (1) is serving on active duty as a member of the
1-23 military;

1-24 (2) was honorably discharged from active duty as a
1-25 member of the military not more than one year before the date of the
1-26 application; or

1-27 (3) is the spouse of a person who is serving on active
1-28 duty as a member of the military.

1-29 (c) The state agency shall issue the temporary license under
1-30 this section to a qualified applicant who:

1-31 (1) submits an application on a form prescribed by the
1-32 agency; and

1-33 (2) pays the required fees.

1-34 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
1-35 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
1-36 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
1-37 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
1-38 Act takes effect September 1, 2009.

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