

AN ACT

relating to the occupational licensing of spouses of members of the military.

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

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

CHAPTER 55. [~~RENEWAL OF~~] LICENSE WHILE ON MILITARY DUTY AND FOR
MILITARY SPOUSE

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

Sec. 55.004. ALTERNATIVE LICENSE PROCEDURE FOR MILITARY SPOUSE. (a) A state agency that issues a license shall adopt rules for the issuance of the license to an applicant who is the spouse of a person serving on active duty as a member of the armed forces of the United States and:

(1) holds a current license issued by another state that has licensing requirements that are substantially equivalent to the requirements for the license; or

(2) within the five years preceding the application date held the license in this state that expired while the applicant lived in another state for at least six months.

(b) Rules adopted under this section must include provisions to allow alternative demonstrations of competency to meet the requirements for obtaining the license.

1 (c) The executive director of a state agency may issue a
2 license by endorsement in the same manner as the Texas Commission of
3 Licensing and Regulation under Section 51.404 to an applicant
4 described by Subsection (a).

5 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
6 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
7 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
8 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
9 Act takes effect September 1, 2011.

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 1733 passed the Senate on April 19, 2011, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0; and that the Senate concurred in House amendment on May 27, 2011, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Secretary of the Senate

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 1733 passed the House, with amendment, on May 23, 2011, by the following vote: Yeas 142, Nays 0, one present not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

Approved:

Date

Governor