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S.B. No. 1733

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

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

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 a 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.

(b) Rules adopted under this section must include provisions to allow:

(1) alternative demonstrations of competency to meet the requirements for obtaining the license; and

(2) a period during which an otherwise qualified person may seek employment or practice with an expired license.

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

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