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H.B. No. 757

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the eligibility requirements for occupational licenses issued to applicants with military experience.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter H, Chapter 51, Occupations Code, is amended by adding Section 51.4013 to read as follows:

Sec. 51.4013. LICENSE ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR APPLICANTS WITH MILITARY EXPERIENCE. (a) Notwithstanding any other law, the department shall credit verified military service, training, or education toward the licensing requirements, other than examination requirements, for a license issued by the department.

(b) The commission shall adopt rules necessary to implement this section.

SECTION 2. The heading to Chapter 55, Occupations Code, is amended to read as follows:

CHAPTER 55. LICENSE FOR ~~[WHILE-ON]~~ MILITARY SERVICE MEMBER OR [DUTY
AND FOR] MILITARY SPOUSE

SECTION 3. Chapter 55, Occupations Code, is amended by adding Section 55.005 to read as follows:

Sec. 55.005. LICENSE ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR APPLICANTS WITH MILITARY EXPERIENCE. (a) Notwithstanding any other law, a state agency shall credit verified military service, training, or education toward the licensing requirements, other

1 than examination requirements, for a license issued by the state
2 agency.

3 (b) The state agency shall adopt rules necessary to
4 implement this section.

5 SECTION 4. (a) Sections 51.4013 and 55.005, Occupations
6 Code, as added by this Act, apply only to an application for an
7 occupational license filed on or after May 1, 2014. An application
8 for a license filed before May 1, 2014, is governed by the law in
9 effect on the date the application was filed, and that law is
10 continued in effect for that purpose.

11 (b) The Texas Commission of Licensing and Regulation shall
12 adopt rules under Section 51.4013, Occupations Code, as added by
13 this Act, and a state agency shall adopt rules under Section 55.005,
14 Occupations Code, as added by this Act, not later than March 1,
15 2014.

16 SECTION 5. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
17 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
18 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
19 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
20 Act takes effect September 1, 2013.