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H.B. No. 2254

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

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

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

SECTION 2. Chapter 55, Occupations Code, is amended by adding Section 55.005 to read as follows:

Sec. 55.005. APPRENTICESHIP REQUIREMENTS FOR APPLICANT WITH MILITARY EXPERIENCE. (a) Notwithstanding any other law, if an apprenticeship is required for an occupational license issued by a state agency, the state agency shall credit verified military service, training, or education that is relevant to the occupation toward the apprenticeship requirements for the license.

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

SECTION 3. Section 55.005, Occupations Code, as added by this Act, applies only to an application for an occupational license filed on or after May 1, 2014. An application for a license filed before May 1, 2014, is governed by the law in effect immediately before the effective date of this Act, and that law is continued in effect for that purpose.

1 SECTION 4. 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, 2013.