1   AN ACT

2   relating to apprenticeship requirements for occupational licenses

3   issued to applicants with military experience.

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

5   SECTION 1. The heading to Chapter 55, Occupations Code, is

6   amended to read as follows:

7   CHAPTER 55. LICENSE FOR [WHILE ON] MILITARY SERVICE MEMBER OR [DUTY

8   AND FOR] MILITARY SPOUSE

9   SECTION 2. Chapter 55, Occupations Code, is amended by

10   adding Section 55.005 to read as follows:

11   Sec. 55.005. APPRENTICESHIP REQUIREMENTS FOR APPLICANT

12   WITH MILITARY EXPERIENCE. (a) Notwithstanding any other law, if an

13   apprenticeship is required for an occupational license issued by a

14   state agency, the state agency shall credit verified military

15   service, training, or education that is relevant to the occupation

16   toward the apprenticeship requirements for the license.

17   (b) The state agency shall adopt rules necessary to

18   implement this section.

19   SECTION 3. Section 55.005, Occupations Code, as added by

20   this Act, applies only to an application for an occupational

21   license filed on or after May 1, 2014. An application for a license

22   filed before May 1, 2014, is governed by the law in effect

23   immediately before the effective date of this Act, and that law is

24   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.

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   President of the Senate   Speaker of the House

     I certify that H.B. No. 2254 was passed by the House on April 18, 2013, by the following vote: Yeas 143, Nays 0, 2 present, not voting.

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     Chief Clerk of the House

     I certify that H.B. No. 2254 was passed by the Senate on May 17, 2013, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

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     Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: _____

               Date

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     Governor