

AN ACT

relating to the eligibility requirements for certain 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. (a) Subsection (a), Section 51.4013, Occupations Code, as added by this Act, applies only to an application for a license filed with the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation on or after May 1, 2014. An application for a license filed with the department before May 1, 2014, is governed by the law in effect on the date the application was filed, and that law is continued in effect for that purpose.

(b) The Texas Commission of Licensing and Regulation shall adopt rules under Section 51.4013, Occupations Code, as added by this Act, not later than March 1, 2014.

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, 2013.

\_\_\_\_\_  
President of the Senate

\_\_\_\_\_  
Speaker of the House

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 242 passed the Senate on April 2, 2013, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Secretary of the Senate

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 242 passed the House on May 17, 2013, by the following vote: Yeas 134, Nays 0, two present not voting.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Chief Clerk of the House

Approved:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Governor