

AN ACT

relating to the authority of certain military spouses to engage in a business or occupation in this state.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 55, Occupations Code, is amended by adding Section 55.0041 to read as follows:

Sec. 55.0041. RECOGNITION OF OUT-OF-STATE LICENSE OF MILITARY SPOUSE. (a) Notwithstanding any other law, a military spouse may engage in a business or occupation for which a license is required without obtaining the applicable license if the spouse is currently licensed in good standing by another jurisdiction that has licensing requirements that are substantially equivalent to the requirements for the license in this state.

(b) Before engaging in the practice of the business or occupation, the military spouse must:

(1) notify the applicable state agency of the spouse's intent to practice in this state;

(2) submit to the agency proof of the spouse's residency in this state and a copy of the spouse's military identification card; and

(3) receive from the agency confirmation that:

(A) the agency has verified the spouse's license in the other jurisdiction; and

(B) the spouse is authorized to engage in the

1 business or occupation in accordance with this section.

2 (c) The military spouse shall comply with all other laws and
3 regulations applicable to the business or occupation in this state.

4 (d) A military spouse may engage in the business or
5 occupation under the authority of this section only for the period
6 during which the military service member to whom the military
7 spouse is married is stationed at a military installation in this
8 state but not to exceed three years from the date the spouse
9 receives the confirmation described by Subsection (b)(3).

10 (e) A state agency that issues a license shall adopt rules
11 to implement this section. The rules must establish a process for
12 the agency to:

13 (1) identify, with respect to each type of license
14 issued by the agency, the jurisdictions that have licensing
15 requirements that are substantially equivalent to the requirements
16 for the license in this state; and

17 (2) verify that a military spouse is licensed in good
18 standing in a jurisdiction described by Subdivision (1).

19 (f) In addition to the rules adopted under Subsection (e), a
20 state agency that issues a license may adopt rules to provide for
21 the issuance of a license to a military spouse to whom the agency
22 provides confirmation under Subsection (b)(3). A license issued
23 under this subsection must expire not later than the third
24 anniversary of the date the agency provided the confirmation and
25 may not be renewed. A state agency may not charge a fee for the
26 issuance of the license.

27 SECTION 2. Not later than December 1, 2019, a state agency

1 to which Section 55.0041, Occupations Code, as added by this Act,
2 applies, shall adopt rules to implement that section.

3 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2019.

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 1200 passed the Senate on April 30, 2019, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0; and that the Senate concurred in House amendment on May 25, 2019, by the following vote: Yeas 30, Nays 0.

Secretary of the Senate

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 1200 passed the House, with amendment, on May 22, 2019, by the following vote: Yeas 144, Nays 0, two present not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

Approved:

Date

Governor