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S.B. No. 1200

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

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; and

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

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

(d) A military spouse may not engage in a business or occupation under the authority of this section for more than three

1 years after the date the spouse submits the information required
2 under Subsection (b)(2).

3 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2019.