1-1 1-2	By: Frank, et al. H.B. No. 879 (Senate Sponsor - Hagenbuch, et al.)
1-3	(In the Senate - Received from the House April 29, 2025;
1-4 1-5	April 30, 2025, read first time and referred to Committee on Health & Human Services; May 12, 2025, reported favorably by the following
1-6	vote: Yeas 8, Nays 0; May 12, 2025, sent to printer.)
1-7	COMMITTEE VOTE
1-8	Yea Nay Absent PNV
1-9	Kolkhorst X
1-10 1-11	Perry X Blanco X
1-12	Cook X
1-13	Hall X
1 <b>-</b> 14 1 <b>-</b> 15	Hancock X Hughes X
1-16	Miles X
1-17	Sparks X
1-18	A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-19	AN ACT
1-20	relating to the licensing of certain military veterans as health
1-21	care providers.
1-22 1-23	BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS: SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 155, Occupations Code, is
1-24	amended by adding Section 155.012 to read as follows:
1-25	Sec. 155.012. LICENSING OF CERTAIN MILITARY VETERANS. (a)
1 <b>-</b> 26 1 <b>-</b> 27	In this section, "active duty" and "armed forces of the United States" have the meanings assigned by Section 55.001.
1-28	(b) The board shall issue a license to practice medicine to
1-29	an applicant who:
1-30 1-31	(1) is licensed in good standing as a physician in another state;
1-32	(2) is a veteran of the armed forces of the United
1-33 1-34	States who retired from or otherwise left military service not more than one year before the application date for a license under this
1-34 1 <b>-</b> 35	section;
1-36	(3) was, at the time of retiring from or leaving
1-37 1-38	<pre>military service:     (A) serving on active duty; and</pre>
1-39	(B) authorized as a physician to treat persons
1-40	enlisted in the armed forces of the United States or veterans;
1-41 1-42	(4) was honorably discharged from military service; and
1-43	(5) has passed the Texas medical jurisprudence
1 <b>-</b> 44 1 <b>-</b> 45	examination. (c) The board may not issue a license under this section to
1-45	an applicant who:
1-47	(1) holds a medical license or a license to prescribe,
1-48 1-49	dispense, administer, supply, or sell a controlled substance that: (A) is currently under active investigation; or
1-50	(B) is or was subject to a disciplinary order or
1-51	action or to denial by another jurisdiction; or
1 <b>-</b> 52 1 <b>-</b> 53	(2) has been convicted of, is on deferred adjudication community supervision or deferred disposition for, or is under
1-54	active investigation for the commission of:
1-55	(A) a felony; or
1 <b>-</b> 56 1 <b>-</b> 57	(B) a misdemeanor involving moral turpitude. SECTION 2. Subchapter D, Chapter 204, Occupations Code, is
1-58	amended by adding Section 204.159 to read as follows:
1 <b>-</b> 59 1 <b>-</b> 60	Sec. 204.159. LICENSING OF CERTAIN MILITARY VETERANS. (a) In this section, "active duty" and "armed forces of the United
1-61	States" have the meanings assigned by Section 55.001.

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2-1	(b) The physician assistant board shall issue a license to
2-2 2-3	an applicant who: (1) is licensed in good standing as a physician
2-4	assistant in another state;
2-5	(2) is a veteran of the armed forces of the United
2 <b>-</b> 6 2 <b>-</b> 7	States who retired from or otherwise left military service not more than one year before the application date for a license under this
2-8	section;
2-9	(3) was, at the time of retiring from or otherwise
2-10 2-11	<pre>leaving military service:</pre>
2-12	(B) authorized as a physician assistant to treat
2-13	persons enlisted in the armed forces of the United States or
2 <b>-</b> 14 2 <b>-</b> 15	<pre>veterans; (4) was honorably discharged from military service;</pre>
2-16	and
2 <b>-</b> 17 2 <b>-</b> 18	(5) has passed the jurisprudence examination. (c) The physician assistant board may not issue a license
2-18 2-19	under this section to an applicant who:
2-20	(1) holds a physician assistant license or a license
2-21 2-22	to prescribe, dispense, administer, supply, or sell a controlled substance that:
2-22	(A) is currently under active investigation; or
2-24	(B) is or was subject to a disciplinary order or
2 <b>-</b> 25 2 <b>-</b> 26	action or to denial by another jurisdiction; or (2) has been convicted of, is on deferred adjudication
2-27	community supervision or deferred disposition for, or is under
2-28	active investigation for the commission of:
2-29 2-30	(A) a felony; or (B) a misdemeanor involving moral turpitude.
2-31	SECTION 3. Subchapter F, Chapter 301, Occupations Code, is
2-32	amended by adding Section 301.262 to read as follows:
2 <b>-</b> 33 2 <b>-</b> 34	Sec. 301.262. LICENSING OF CERTAIN MILITARY VETERANS. (a) In this section, "active duty" and "armed forces of the United
2-35	States" have the meanings assigned by Section 55.001.
2 <b>-</b> 36 2 <b>-</b> 37	(b) The board shall issue a license to practice nursing to an applicant who:
2-37 2-38	(1) is licensed in good standing as a nurse in another
2-39	state;
2-40 2-41	(2) is a veteran of the armed forces of the United States who retired from or otherwise left military service not more
2-42	than one year before the application date for a license under this
2-43	section;
2 <b>-</b> 44 2 <b>-</b> 45	(3) was, at the time of retiring from or otherwise leaving military service:
2-46	(A) serving on active duty; and
2 <b>-</b> 47 2 <b>-</b> 48	(B) authorized as a nurse to treat persons
2 <b>-</b> 48 2 <b>-</b> 49	enlisted in the armed forces of the United States or veterans; (4) was honorably discharged from military service;
2-50	and
2 <b>-</b> 51 2 <b>-</b> 52	<ul> <li>(5) has passed the jurisprudence examination.</li> <li>(c) The board may not issue a license under this section to</li> </ul>
2-52 2 <b>-</b> 53	an applicant who:
2-54	(1) holds a nursing license or a license to prescribe,
2 <b>-</b> 55 2 <b>-</b> 56	dispense, administer, supply, or sell a controlled substance that: (A) is currently under active investigation; or
2-57	(B) is or was subject to a disciplinary order or
2-58	action or to denial by another jurisdiction; or
2 <b>-</b> 59 2 <b>-</b> 60	(2) has been convicted of, is on deferred adjudication community supervision or deferred disposition for, or is under
2-61	active investigation for the commission of:
2-62	(A) a felony; or (B) a misdemeanor involving moral turpitude.
2 <b>-</b> 63 2 <b>-</b> 64	(B) a misdemeanor involving moral turpitude. SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.
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