

By: McQueeney

H.B. No. 5043

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the issuance of a provisional license to certain military service members, military veterans, and 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. Section 55.004, Occupations Code, is amended by adding Subsection (b-1) to read as follows:

(b-1) On receipt by a state agency of an application for a license in accordance with this section, the agency shall promptly issue a provisional license to the applicant while the agency processes the application. A provisional license issued under this subsection expires on the earlier of:

(1) the date the agency approves or denies the provisional license holder's application for the license; or

(2) the 180th day after the date the provisional license is issued.

SECTION 2. Section 55.0041, Occupations Code, is amended by adding Subsection (b-1) to read as follows:

(b-1) On receipt by a state agency of the notice and information required by Subsections (b)(1) and (2), the agency shall promptly issue a provisional license to the military service member or military spouse pending the issuance of a confirmation under Subsection (b)(3). A provisional license issued under this subsection expires on the earlier of:

1 (1) the date the agency issues or denies confirmation
2 under Subsection (b)(3); or

3 (2) the 180th day after the date the provisional
4 license is issued.

5 SECTION 3. Not later than December 1, 2025, a state agency,
6 as defined by Section 55.001, Occupations Code, shall adopt rules
7 to implement Sections 55.004(b-1) and 55.0041(b-1), Occupations
8 Code, as added by this Act.

9 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.