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H.B. No. 5043

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to the issuance of a provisional license to certain
3 military service members, military veterans, and military spouses
4 to engage in a business or occupation in this state.

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

6 SECTION 1. Section 55.004, Occupations Code, is amended by
7 adding Subsection (b-1) to read as follows:

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

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

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

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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.