



102ND GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

2021 and 2022

HB2776

Introduced 2/19/2021, by Rep. LaToya Greenwood

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

20 ILCS 5/5-518 new

Amends the Civil Administrative Code of Illinois. Provides that service members and their spouses may engage in the practice of their occupation or profession without being licensed in the State of Illinois, subject to outlined circumstances and limitations. Provides that each director of a department that issues an occupational or professional license shall verify that the existing license for a service member or military spouse is in good standing from any state, commonwealth, or territory of the United States or the District of Columbia. Provides that if an existing license for a service member or military spouse is in good standing, the Department of Financial and Professional Regulation shall waive any examination, educational, or experience requirements enabling exception to state licensure requirements. Provides that a department may adopt any rules necessary for the implementation and administration of provisions regarding military license exceptions and by rule shall provide for fees for administration.

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1 AN ACT concerning State government.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Civil Administrative Code of Illinois is
5 amended by adding Section 5-518 as follows:

6 (20 ILCS 5/5-518 new)

7 Sec. 5-518. Exception to professional state licensure for
8 service members and spouses.

9 (a) In this Section:

10 "Service member" means any person who, at the time of
11 notification under this Section, is an active duty member of
12 the United States Armed Forces or any reserve component of the
13 United States Armed Forces, the Coast Guard, or the National
14 Guard of any state, commonwealth, or territory of the United
15 States or the District of Columbia or whose active duty
16 service concluded within the preceding 2 years.

17 "Military spouse" means a resident or nonresident spouse,
18 at the time of notification under this Section, of an active
19 duty member of the United States Armed Forces or any reserve
20 component of the United States Armed Forces, the Coast Guard,
21 or the National Guard of any state, commonwealth, or territory
22 of the United States or the District of Columbia or whose
23 active duty service concluded within the preceding 2 years.

1 (b) Except as otherwise provided by statute or rule,
2 service member or military spouse may engage in the practice
3 of his or her occupation or profession while the individual is
4 stationed within this State, subject to the stated
5 circumstances and limitations, without being licensed:

6 (i) the service member or military spouse holds a
7 valid license to practice a regulated occupation or
8 profession issued by another state, commonwealth,
9 territory of the United States, or the District of
10 Columbia;

11 (ii) the license is current and the service member or
12 military spouse is in good standing in the state of
13 licensure, the individual has not had a license or
14 certificate revoked, the individual has not voluntarily
15 surrendered a license or certificate in any other state or
16 country while under investigation for unprofessional
17 conduct, the individual has not had discipline imposed by
18 any other regulating entity, and the individual does not
19 have a complaint, allegation or investigation pending
20 before another regulating entity in another state or
21 country that relates to unprofessional conduct;

22 (iii) when the service member or military spouse was
23 licensed or certified by another state, commonwealth,
24 territory of the United States, or the District of
25 Columbia, there were minimum education requirements and,
26 if applicable, work experience and clinical supervision

1 requirements in effect and the other state, commonwealth,
2 territory of the United States, or the District of
3 Columbia verifies that the individual met those
4 requirements in order to be licensed or certified;

5 (iv) the service member or military spouse previously
6 passed an examination required for the license or
7 certification if required by the other state;

8 (v) a complete set of the service member's or military
9 spouse's fingerprints has been submitted to the Illinois
10 State Police for statewide and national criminal history
11 checks; the service member or military spouse shall pay
12 the fee to the Illinois State Police or to the fingerprint
13 vendor for electronic fingerprint processing; exception to
14 licensure is not applicable if the statewide or national
15 criminal history check discloses information that would
16 cause the denial of licensure under any applicable
17 occupational or professional licensing Act; and

18 (vi) the service member or military spouse is not
19 ineligible for licensure pursuant to Section 2105-165 of
20 the Department of Professional Regulation Law of the Civil
21 Administrative Code of Illinois.

22 (c) A service member or military spouse who is exempted
23 from licensure under subsection (a) shall comply with each
24 requirement of the licensing jurisdiction from which the
25 practitioner derives authority to practice.

26 (d) A service member or military spouse who is authorized

1 under this Section to practice or engage in an occupation or
2 profession may engage in the lawful, professional, and
3 competent practice of that occupation or profession without
4 additional licensure under other State law, except as
5 otherwise provided by this Section.

6 (e) Violation of a limitation imposed by this Section
7 constitutes grounds for removal of exempt status, denial of
8 license, or other disciplinary proceedings.

9 (f) Each director of a department that issues an
10 occupational or professional license shall verify that the
11 existing license of a service member or military spouse is in
12 good standing from any state, commonwealth, or territory of
13 the United States or the District of Columbia.

14 (g) If an existing license of a service member or military
15 spouse is in good standing, the Department of Financial and
16 Professional Regulation shall waive any examination,
17 educational, or experience requirements enabling exception to
18 State licensure requirements.

19 (h) A department may adopt any rules necessary for the
20 implementation and administration of this Section and by rule
21 shall provide for fees for the administration of this Section.