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By Committee on Veterans, Military and Homeland Security

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1 AN ACT concerning licensing bodies; relating to licensure and military  
2 service members; amending K.S.A. 2012 Supp. 48-3406 and repealing  
3 the existing section.

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5 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

6 New Section 1. (a) For the purposes of this section:

7 (1) "Applicant" means a person who entered into military service and  
8 separated from such military service ~~under conditions other than~~  
9 ~~dishonorable~~ **with an honorable discharge;**

10 (2) "licensing body" has the meaning ascribed thereto in K.S.A. 74-  
11 146, and amendments thereto; and

12 (3) "military service" means the army, navy, marine corps, air force,  
13 air or army national guard of any state, coast guard or any branch of the  
14 military reserves of the United States.

15 (b) **(1)** Notwithstanding any other provision of law, upon presentation  
16 of ~~satisfactory evidence~~ **a completed application** by an applicant for  
17 certification or licensure, a licensing body shall accept education, training  
18 or service completed in military service by the applicant towards ~~the~~  
19 ~~qualifications to receive the license or certification unless such licensing~~  
20 ~~body determines that such education, training or service is not~~  
21 ~~substantially equivalent to the standards required for certification or~~  
22 ~~licensure in this state~~ **any educational requirements for certification or**  
23 **licensure in this state if the applicant demonstrates to the satisfaction**  
24 **of the licensing body that such education, training or service obtained**  
25 **is substantially equivalent to the existing educational requirements of**  
26 **such licensure or certification. No education, training or service shall**  
27 **count towards any examination requirements unless such licensing**  
28 **body has provided a waiver for such requirement. The licensing body**  
29 **may require the applicant to provide documentation of such**  
30 **education, training or service as deemed necessary by the licensing**  
31 **body to determine substantial equivalency.**

32 (2) A licensing board under this section may accept education,  
33 training or service completed in military service towards any  
34 educational requirements for certification or licensure in this state if a  
35 person was separated from military service under honorable  
36 conditions (general) discharge.

1 (c) Each licensing body may adopt rules and regulations necessary to  
2 implement and carry out the provisions of this section.

3 (d) This section shall not apply to the practice of law or the regulation  
4 of attorneys pursuant to K.S.A. 7-103, and amendments thereto.

5 Sec. 2. K.S.A. 2012 Supp. 48-3406 is hereby amended to read as  
6 follows: 48-3406. (a) *For the purposes of this section:*

7 (1) *"Licensing body" has the meaning ascribed thereto in K.S.A. 74-*  
8 *146, and amendments thereto;*

9 (2) *"military service" means the army, navy, marine corps, air force,*  
10 *air or army national guard of any state, coast guard or any branch of the*  
11 *military reserves of the United States;*

12 (3) *"military service member" means a member who entered into*  
13 *military service and separated from such military service ~~under conditions~~*  
14 *~~other than dishonorable~~ with an honorable discharge; and*

15 (4) *"military spouse" means the spouse of an individual who is*  
16 *currently in active service in any branch of the armed forces of the United*  
17 *States.*

18 (b) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, any licensing body,  
19 ~~as defined by K.S.A. 74-146, and amendments thereto,~~ shall;

20 (1) Upon **submission of a completed** application, issue a license to a  
21 nonresident military spouse, so that the nonresident military spouse may  
22 lawfully practice the person's occupation; *and*

23 (2) ~~upon filing of an~~ **submission of a completed** application within  
24 six months following release from military service, issue a license to a  
25 military service member so that the military service member may lawfully  
26 practice the person's occupation.

27 ~~(b)~~ (c) A military service member or nonresident military spouse shall  
28 receive a license under subsection ~~(a)~~(b) of this section:

29 (1) Pursuant to applicable licensure by endorsement, **reinstatement**  
30 or reciprocity statutes of the licensing body of this state for the profession  
31 license; or

32 (2) if the professional practice act does not have licensure by  
33 endorsement, **reinstatement** or reciprocity statutes, then, at the time of  
34 application, the *military service member or nonresident* military spouse:

35 (A) Holds a current license in another state, district or territory of the  
36 United States with licensure requirements that the licensing body  
37 determines are equivalent to those established by the licensing body of this  
38 state;

39 (B) has not committed an act in any jurisdiction that would have  
40 constituted grounds for the limitation, suspension or revocation or that the  
41 applicant has never been censured or had other disciplinary action taken or  
42 had an application for licensure denied or refused to practice an occupation  
43 for which the *military service member or nonresident* military spouse

1 seeks licensure;

2 (C) has not been disciplined by a licensing or credentialing entity in  
3 another jurisdiction and is not the subject of an unresolved complaint,  
4 review procedure or disciplinary proceeding conducted by a licensing or  
5 credentialing entity in another jurisdiction nor has surrendered their  
6 membership on any professional staff in any professional association or  
7 society or faculty for another state or licensing jurisdiction while under  
8 investigation or to avoid adverse action for acts or conduct similar to acts  
9 or conduct which would constitute grounds for disciplinary action in a  
10 Kansas practice act;

11 (D) pays any fees required by the licensing body of this state; and

12 (E) submits with the application a signed affidavit stating that the  
13 application information, including necessary prior employment history, is  
14 true and accurate. Upon receiving such affidavit, the licensing body shall  
15 issue the license to the *military service member or the nonresident* military  
16 spouse on a probationary basis, but may revoke the license at any time if  
17 the information provided in the application is found to be false. **Any**  
18 **probationary license issued under this section to a military service**  
19 **member or nonresident military spouse shall not exceed three months.**

20 ~~(e)~~ (d) Any person who has not been in the active practice of the  
21 occupation during the two years preceding the application for which the  
22 applicant seeks a license may be required to complete such additional  
23 testing, training, mentoring, monitoring or education as the Kansas  
24 licensing body may deem necessary to establish the applicant's present  
25 ability to practice with reasonable skill and safety.

26 ~~(d)~~ (e) A nonresident military spouse licensed under this section shall  
27 be entitled to the same rights and subject to the same obligations as are  
28 provided by the licensing body for Kansas residents, except that revocation  
29 or suspension of a nonresident military spouse's license in the nonresident  
30 military spouse's state of residence or any jurisdiction in which the  
31 nonresident military spouse held licensure shall automatically cause the  
32 same revocation or suspension of such nonresident military spouse's  
33 license in Kansas. No hearing shall be granted to a nonresident licensee  
34 where the license is subject to such automatic revocation or suspension  
35 except for the purpose of establishing the fact of revocation or suspension  
36 of the nonresident military spouse's license by the nonresident military  
37 spouse's state of residence.

38 ~~(e) For the purposes of this section, "military spouse" means the~~  
39 ~~spouse of an individual who is currently in active service in any branch of~~  
40 ~~the armed forces of the United States.~~

41 (f) *In the event the licensing body determines that the license*  
42 *currently held by the military service member under subsection (c)(2)(A)*  
43 *is not equivalent to those ~~established~~ issued by the licensing body of this*

1 *state, the licensing body may issue a temporary permit for a limited period*  
2 *of time to allow the military service member to lawfully practice the*  
3 *person's occupation while completing any specific requirements that are*  
4 *required in this state for licensure that were not required in the state,*  
5 *district or territory of the United States in which the military service*  
6 *member was licensed or certified.*

7 **(g) A licensing board may grant certification, licensure or a**  
8 **temporary permit to any person who meets the requirements under**  
9 **this section but was separated from such military service under**  
10 **honorable conditions (general) discharge.**

11 **(h) Each licensing body may adopt rules and regulations**  
12 **necessary to implement and carry out the provisions of this section.**

13 ~~(f)~~ **(i)** This section shall not apply to the practice of law or the  
14 regulation of attorneys pursuant to K.S.A 7-103, and amendments thereto.

15 Sec. 3. K.S.A. 2012 Supp. 48-3406 is hereby repealed.

16 Sec. 4. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its  
17 publication in the statute book.