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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2017

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RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- DEPARTMENT OF LABOR  
AND TRAINING

Introduced By: Senators Felag, DiPalma, McCaffrey, Lynch Prata, and Seveney

Date Introduced: February 16, 2017

Referred To: Senate Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 42-16.1 of the General Laws entitled "Department of Labor and  
2 Training" is hereby amended by adding thereto the following sections:

3 **42-16.1-3.1. Department of labor and training service member licensure.**

4 (a) The director of the department of labor and training and each of their examining and  
5 licensing boards shall, upon presentation of satisfactory evidence by an applicant for certification  
6 or licensure, accept education, training, or service completed by an individual as a member of the  
7 Armed Forces or Reserves of the United States, the National Guard of any state, the Military  
8 Reserves of any state, or the Naval Militia of any state toward the qualifications to receive the  
9 license or certification. The director of the department of labor and training and each of their  
10 examining and licensing boards shall promulgate rules to implement this section.

11 (b) The director and each of their examining and licensing boards shall establish a  
12 procedure to expedite the issuance of a license, certification or permit to perform professional  
13 services regulated by each such board to a person who is certified or licensed in another state to  
14 perform professional services in a state other than Rhode Island. The procedure shall include:

15 (1) Issuing the person a license, certificate or permit, if, in the opinion of the director or  
16 their board members, the requirements for certification or licensure of such other state are  
17 substantially equivalent to that required in this state; or

18 (2) Developing a method to authorize the person to perform professional services

1 regulated by the director and their board members in this state by issuing the person a temporary  
2 permit for a limited period of time to allow the person to perform professional services while  
3 completing any specific requirements that may be required in this state that were not required in  
4 the state in which the person was licensed or certified.

5 **42-16.1-3.2. Department of labor and training military spouse licensure.**

6 (a) The department of labor and training shall establish a procedure to expedite the  
7 issuance of a license, certification or permit to perform professional services regulated by their  
8 department to a person:

9 (1) Who is certified or licensed in another state to perform professional services in a state  
10 other than Rhode Island;

11 (2) Whose spouse is a member of the armed forces of the United States;

12 (3) Whose spouse is the subject of a military transfer to Rhode Island; and

13 (4) Who left employment to accompany the person's spouse to Rhode Island.

14 (b) The procedure shall include:

15 (1) Issuing the person a license, certificate or permit, if, in the opinion of the director or  
16 their board members, the requirements for certification or licensure of such other state are  
17 substantially equivalent to that required in this state; or

18 (2) Developing a method to authorize the person to perform professional services  
19 regulated by the department in this state by issuing the person a temporary permit for a limited  
20 period of time to allow the person to perform professional services while completing any specific  
21 requirements that may be required in this state that were not required in the state in which the  
22 person was licensed or certified.

23 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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- 1           This act would make it easier for military service members and their spouses to obtain
- 2           certifications and licenses issued by the department of labor and training.
- 3           This act would take effect upon passage.

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