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RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- DIVISION OF MOTOR VEHICLES

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 31-2 of the General Laws entitled "Division of Motor Vehicles" is
2 hereby amended by adding thereto the following sections:

3 **31-2-3.1. Division of motor vehicles service member licensure.**

4 (a) The administrator of the division of motor vehicles 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 administrator of the division of motor vehicles and each of their
10 examining and licensing boards shall promulgate rules to implement this section.

11 (b) The administrator 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
16 administrator or their board members, the requirements for certification or licensure of such other
17 state are 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 administrator and their board members in this state by issuing the person a

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

4 **31-2-3.2. Division of motor vehicles military spouse licensure.**

5 (a) The division of motor vehicles shall establish a procedure to expedite the issuance of
6 a license, certification or permit to perform professional services regulated by the division to a
7 person:

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

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

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

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

13 (b) The procedure shall include:

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

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

22 SECTION 2. Chapter 42-11 of the General Laws entitled "Department of
23 Administration" is hereby amended by adding thereto the following sections:

24 **42-11-2.7. Department of administration service member licensure.**

25 (a) The director of the department of administration and each of their examining and
26 licensing boards shall, upon presentation of satisfactory evidence by an applicant for certification
27 or licensure, accept education, training, or service completed by an individual as a member of the
28 Armed Forces or Reserves of the United States, the National Guard of any state, the Military
29 Reserves of any state, or the Naval Militia of any state toward the qualifications to receive the
30 license or certification. The director of the department of administration and each of their
31 examining and licensing boards shall promulgate rules to implement this section.

32 (b) The director and each of their examining and licensing boards shall establish a
33 procedure to expedite the issuance of a license, certification or permit to perform professional
34 services regulated by each such board to a person who is certified or licensed in another state to

1 perform professional services in a state other than Rhode Island. The procedure shall include:

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

5 (2) Developing a method to authorize the person to perform professional services
6 regulated by the director and their board members in this state by issuing the person a temporary
7 permit for a limited period of time to allow the person to perform professional services while
8 completing any specific requirements that may be required in this state that were not required in
9 the state in which the person was licensed or certified.

10 **42-11-2.8. Department of administration military spouse licensure.**

11 (a) The department of administration shall establish a procedure to expedite the issuance
12 of a license, certification or permit to perform professional services regulated by the department
13 to a person:

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

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

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

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

19 (b) The procedure shall include:

20 (1) Issuing the person a license, certificate or permit, if, in the opinion of the director, the
21 requirements for certification or licensure of such other state are substantially equivalent to that
22 required in this state; or

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

28 SECTION 3. 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 division of motor vehicles and the department of
3 administration.

4 This act would take effect upon passage.

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