

AMENDMENT TO

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OFFERED BY MR. PATRONIS OF FLORIDA

At the end of subtitle G of title V, insert the following new section:

SEC. __. PORTABILITY OF PROFESSIONAL LICENSES OF VETERANS AND THEIR SPOUSES.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Title VII of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act (50 U.S.C. 4021 et seq.) is amended by inserting after section 705A (50 U.S.C. 4025a) the following new section:

“SEC. 705B. PORTABILITY OF PROFESSIONAL LICENSES OF VETERANS AND THEIR SPOUSES.

“(a) IN GENERAL.—If a veteran or the spouse of a veteran has a covered license and relocates residence within 36 months of the veteran’s discharge or release date in a State other than the State of the licensing authority that issued the covered license, such covered license shall be considered valid for the scope of practice in the State of the new residence if such veteran or spouse of a veteran submits to the licensing authority of such State an application described in subsection (c).

“(b) TEMPORARY LICENSES.—If a licensing authority is required to consider a covered license valid under subsection (a) but cannot carry out such requirement during the 30 days after receiving a complete application described in subsection (c), the licensing authority must issue to the applicant a temporary license that confers the same rights, privileges, and responsibilities as a permanent license.

“(c) APPLICATION.—An application described in this subsection includes the following:

“(1) A copy of the veteran’s DD Form 214 (or successor form).

“(2) If the applicant is the spouse of a veteran, a copy of—

“(A) the marriage certificate of such veteran and spouse; and

“(B) military orders effectuating the discharge or release of the veteran that include the name of such spouse.

“(3) A notarized affidavit affirming, under the penalty of law, that—

“(A) the veteran or spouse of a veteran is the person described and identified in the application;

“(B) all statements made in the application are true, correct, and complete;

“(C) the veteran or spouse of a veteran has read and understands the requirements to receive a license, and the scope of practice of the State of the licensing authority;

“(D) the veteran or spouse of a veteran certifies that the veteran or spouse of a veteran meets and shall comply with requirements described in subparagraph (C); and

“(E) the veteran or spouse of a veteran is in good standing in all States in which the veteran or spouse of a veteran holds or has held a license.

“(d) BACKGROUND CHECKS.—A licensing authority that receives an application described in subsection (c) may conduct a background check of the veteran or spouse of a veteran before carrying out subsection (a) or (b).

“(e) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

“(1) The term ‘Armed Forces’ has the meaning given such term in section 101(10) of title 38.

(2) The terms ‘covered license’, ‘license’, ‘licensing authority’, ‘military orders’, and ‘scope of practice’ have the meanings given such terms in section 705A of this Act.

“(3) The term ‘discharge or release’ includes—

“(A) retirement from the Armed Forces; and

“(B) the satisfactory completion of the period of active Armed Forces service for which a person was obligated at the time of entry into such service in the case of a person who, due to enlistment or reenlistment, was not awarded a discharge or release from such period of service at the time of such completion thereof and who, at such time, would otherwise have been eligible for the award of a discharge or release under honorable conditions specified on the veteran’s DD Form 214, or any superseding form adopted for this same purpose.;

“(4) The term ‘discharge or release date’ means the “Separation date this Period” specified on the veteran’s DD Form 214, or any superseding form adopted for this same purpose.

“(5) The term ‘veteran’ means a person who honorably served in the active Armed Forces and who was discharged or released therefrom as documented on the individual’s DD Form 214, or any superseding form adopted for this same purpose.”.

(b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of contents in section 1(b) of such Act is amended by inserting after the item relating to section 705A the following new item:

“Sec. 705B. Portability of professional licenses of veterans and their spouses.”.