

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:

1 **SEC. 5____. PORTABILITY OF PROFESSIONAL LICENSES OF**
2 **VETERANS AND THEIR SPOUSES.**

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

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

9 “(a) IN GENERAL.—If a veteran or the spouse of a
10 veteran has a covered license and relocates residence not
11 later than 36 months after the date of the veteran’s separation
12 from the Armed Forces to a State other than the
13 State of the licensing authority that issued the covered
14 license, such covered license shall be considered valid for
15 the scope of practice in the State of the new residence
16 if such veteran or spouse of a veteran submits to the licensing
17 authority of such State an application described
18 in subsection (c).

1 “(b) TEMPORARY LICENSES.—If a licensing author-
2 ity is required to consider a covered license valid under
3 subsection (a) but cannot carry out such requirement dur-
4 ing the 30 days after receiving an application described
5 in subsection (c), the licensing authority shall issue to the
6 applicant a temporary license that confers the same rights,
7 privileges, and responsibilities as a permanent license.

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

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

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

14 “(A) the marriage certificate of such vet-
15 eran and spouse; and

16 “(B) military orders effectuating the sepa-
17 ration of the veteran that include the name of
18 such spouse.

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

21 “(A) the veteran or spouse of a veteran is
22 the person described and identified in the appli-
23 cation;

24 “(B) all statements made in the applica-
25 tion are true, correct, and complete;

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

5 “(D) the veteran or spouse of a veteran
6 certifies that the veteran or spouse of a veteran
7 meets and shall comply with requirements de-
8 scribed in subparagraph (C); and

9 “(E) the veteran or spouse of a veteran is
10 in good standing in all States in which the vet-
11 eran or spouse of a veteran holds or has held
12 a license.

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

17 “(e) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

18 “(1) The terms ‘covered license’, ‘license’, ‘li-
19 censing authority’, ‘military orders’, and ‘scope of
20 practice’ have the meanings given such terms in sec-
21 tion 705A of this Act.

22 “(2) The term ‘veteran’ has the meaning given
23 such term in section 101 of title 38, United States
24 Code.”.

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

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

