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By Representatives McCoy, Appleton, Morrell, Ryu, and Ormsby

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1 AN ACT Relating to evaluating military training and experience  
2 toward meeting licensing requirements; amending RCW 18.340.010,  
3 18.340.020, 19.105.570, 42.44.220, 46.82.440, 64.36.350, and 67.08.320;  
4 adding new sections to chapter 18.340 RCW; and repealing RCW 18.08.500,  
5 18.11.290, 18.16.300, 18.39.570, 18.43.190, 18.85.490, 18.96.230,  
6 18.140.290, 18.145.150, 18.165.310, 18.170.310, 18.185.310, 18.210.230,  
7 18.220.211, 18.280.200, and 18.300.160.

8 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

9 **Sec. 1.** RCW 18.340.010 and 2011 2nd sp.s. c 5 s 1 are each amended  
10 to read as follows:

11 (1) The lives of military families are dominated by frequent  
12 deployments, relocations, and extended periods of single parenthood.  
13 Military spouses are some of the most mobile populations in our  
14 country, making the maintenance of professional licenses a significant  
15 obstacle. According to the 2010 defense management data center, there  
16 are thirty-three thousand three hundred eighty active duty and ten  
17 thousand eight hundred thirty-seven reserve military spouses residing  
18 in Washington. Military families depend on two incomes and want to  
19 achieve their goals and aspirations. It is the intent of the

1 legislature to recognize the sacrifices made by military families in  
2 service to our country and our state and to help alleviate the  
3 hardships military families face due to their highly transient life.

4 (2) Military service members work in many different professions and  
5 occupations while in service. These members frequently receive  
6 extensive training and experience through their service. However,  
7 service members often have a difficult time converting their military  
8 training and experience into civilian training, accreditation, or  
9 employment when they leave the service. As a result, service members  
10 face significant obstacles in making a smooth transition to civilian  
11 life, including finding jobs for which they are qualified or obtaining  
12 licenses in professions for which they have been trained and performed  
13 while in service. It is the intent of the legislature to recognize the  
14 training and experience gained through military service and to  
15 eliminate the barriers for allowing service members to successfully  
16 reenter the civilian workforce.

17 NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. A new section is added to chapter 18.340 RCW  
18 to read as follows:

19 The definitions in this section apply throughout this chapter  
20 unless the context clearly requires otherwise.

21 (1) "Authority" means any board, commission, or other authority for  
22 issuance of a license, certificate, registration, or permit under this  
23 title, chapter 19.105 RCW, chapter 42.44 RCW, chapter 46.82 RCW,  
24 chapter 64.36 RCW, and chapter 67.08 RCW.

25 (2) "Military" means any branch of the United States armed forces,  
26 the national guard, and armed forces reserves.

27 **Sec. 3.** RCW 18.340.020 and 2011 2nd sp.s. c 5 s 2 are each amended  
28 to read as follows:

29 ~~(1) ((For the purposes of this section, "authority" means any~~  
30 ~~board, commission, or other authority for issuance of a license,~~  
31 ~~certificate, registration, or permit under this title.~~

32 ~~(2))~~) To the extent resources are available(~~(+~~

33 ~~(a))~~), each authority shall establish procedures to expedite the  
34 issuance of a license, certificate, registration, or permit to perform  
35 professional services regulated by each (~~such~~) authority to a person:

1           ~~((i))~~ (a) Who is ~~((certified or))~~ licensed, certified, or  
2 registered, or has a permit in another state to perform professional  
3 services in that state;

4           ~~((ii))~~ (b) Whose spouse is the subject of a military transfer to  
5 Washington; and

6           ~~((iii))~~ (c) Who left employment in the other state to accompany  
7 the person's spouse to Washington.

8           ~~((b))~~ (2) The procedure must include a process for issuing the  
9 person a license, certificate, registration, or permit, if, in the  
10 opinion of the authority, the requirements for licensure,  
11 certification, registration, or obtaining a permit of such other state  
12 are substantially equivalent to that required in Washington.

13           ~~((e))~~ (3) Each authority ~~((in this title))~~ shall develop a method  
14 and adopt rules to authorize a person who meets the criteria in  
15 subsection (1)(a)~~((i))~~ through ~~((iii))~~ (c) of this ~~((subsection))~~  
16 section to perform services regulated by the authority in Washington by  
17 issuing the person a temporary license, certificate, registration, or  
18 permit for a limited period of time to allow the person to perform  
19 services regulated by the authority while completing any specific  
20 additional requirements in Washington that are not related to training  
21 or practice standards of the profession that were not required in the  
22 other state in which the person is licensed, certified, or registered,  
23 or has a permit. Nothing in this section requires the authority to  
24 issue a temporary license, certificate, registration, or permit if the  
25 standards of the other state are substantially unequal to Washington  
26 standards.

27           ~~((d))~~ (4) An applicant must state in the application that he or  
28 she:

29           ~~((i))~~ (a) Has requested verification from the other state or  
30 states that the person is currently licensed, certified, registered, or  
31 has a permit; and

32           ~~((ii))~~ (b) Is not subject to any pending investigation, charges,  
33 or disciplinary action by the regulatory body of the other state or  
34 states.

35           ~~((e))~~ (5) If the authority finds reasonable cause to believe that  
36 an applicant falsely affirmed or stated either of the requirements  
37 under ~~((d)(i) or (ii) of this))~~ subsection (4)(a) or (b) of this

1 section, the authority may summarily suspend the license, certificate,  
2 registration, or permit pending an investigation or further action to  
3 discipline or revoke the license, certificate, registration, or permit.

4 NEW SECTION. Sec. 4. A new section is added to chapter 18.340 RCW  
5 to read as follows:

6 (1) Each authority must recognize military training and experience  
7 for satisfying any or all requirements for obtaining a license,  
8 certificate, registration, or permit for professional services if:

9 (a) The applicant provides sufficient documentation of:

10 (i) The completion of a military training or education program;

11 (ii) Any experience working in an occupational or professional  
12 field while in military service;

13 (iii) Any certificate, award, or other acknowledgment of  
14 qualification to perform a job or specialized duty; or

15 (iv) Any other relevant training or experience; and

16 (b) The training, experience, or other qualification is  
17 substantially equivalent to any or all of the requirements for  
18 obtaining the license, certification, registration, or permit for  
19 professional services issued by the authority.

20 (2) Each authority shall develop procedures to evaluate military  
21 training and experience in relation to any and all requirements for  
22 obtaining a license, certificate, registration, or permit for  
23 professional services.

24 (3) If an authority determines that the documentation is not  
25 substantially equivalent to meet any of the requirements, it must  
26 inform the applicant in writing of its decision and identify the  
27 specific criteria that were not met. The applicant must be provided an  
28 opportunity to submit additional documentation or information that  
29 addresses the identified deficiency.

30 (4) Each authority must maintain a list of all military training  
31 programs, certificates, awards, or work experience that it has examined  
32 and approved in an application that fulfills a requirement for  
33 obtaining a license, certification, registration, or permit for  
34 professional services. The list must be submitted to the department of  
35 veterans affairs by each authority by December 1st of each year.

1       **Sec. 5.** RCW 19.105.570 and 2011 c 351 s 17 are each amended to  
2 read as follows:

3       An applicant with military training or experience satisfies the  
4 training or experience requirements of this chapter unless the director  
5 determines that the military training or experience is not  
6 substantially equivalent to the standards of this state, as provided in  
7 section 4 of this act.

8       **Sec. 6.** RCW 42.44.220 and 2011 c 351 s 18 are each amended to read  
9 as follows:

10       An applicant with military training or experience satisfies the  
11 training or experience requirements of this chapter unless the director  
12 determines that the military training or experience is not  
13 substantially equivalent to the standards of this state, as provided in  
14 section 4 of this act.

15       **Sec. 7.** RCW 46.82.440 and 2011 c 351 s 19 are each amended to read  
16 as follows:

17       An applicant with military training or experience satisfies the  
18 training or experience requirements of this chapter unless the director  
19 determines that the military training or experience is not  
20 substantially equivalent to the standards of this state, as provided in  
21 section 4 of this act.

22       **Sec. 8.** RCW 64.36.350 and 2011 c 351 s 20 are each amended to read  
23 as follows:

24       An applicant with military training or experience satisfies the  
25 training or experience requirements of this chapter unless the director  
26 determines that the military training or experience is not  
27 substantially equivalent to the standards of this state, as provided in  
28 section 4 of this act.

29       **Sec. 9.** RCW 67.08.320 and 2011 c 351 s 21 are each amended to read  
30 as follows:

31       An applicant with military training or experience satisfies the  
32 training or experience requirements of this chapter unless the director  
33 determines that the military training or experience is not

1 substantially equivalent to the standards of this state, as provided in  
2 section 4 of this act.

3 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 10.** The following acts or parts of acts are  
4 each repealed:

5 (1) RCW 18.08.500 (Military training or experience) and 2011 c 351  
6 s 1;

7 (2) RCW 18.11.290 (Military training or experience) and 2011 c 351  
8 s 2;

9 (3) RCW 18.16.300 (Military training or experience) and 2011 c 351  
10 s 3;

11 (4) RCW 18.39.570 (Military training or experience) and 2011 c 351  
12 s 4;

13 (5) RCW 18.43.190 (Military training or experience) and 2011 c 351  
14 s 5;

15 (6) RCW 18.85.490 (Military training or experience) and 2011 c 351  
16 s 6;

17 (7) RCW 18.96.230 (Military training or experience) and 2011 c 351  
18 s 7;

19 (8) RCW 18.140.290 (Military training or experience) and 2011 c 351  
20 s 8;

21 (9) RCW 18.145.150 (Military training or experience) and 2011 c 351  
22 s 9;

23 (10) RCW 18.165.310 (Military training or experience) and 2011 c  
24 351 s 10;

25 (11) RCW 18.170.310 (Military training or experience) and 2011 c  
26 351 s 11;

27 (12) RCW 18.185.310 (Military training or experience) and 2011 c  
28 351 s 12;

29 (13) RCW 18.210.230 (Military training or experience) and 2011 c  
30 351 s 13;

31 (14) RCW 18.220.211 (Military training or experience) and 2011 c  
32 351 s 14;

33 (15) RCW 18.280.200 (Military training or experience) and 2011 c  
34 351 s 15; and

35 (16) RCW 18.300.160 (Military training or experience) and 2011 c

1 351 s 16.

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