

RULE ANALYSIS

Introduction: THE AMENDMENTS ARE SUBMITTED TO THE BOARD FOR CONSIDERATION AS A PROPOSED RULE

Short Title: Military Service Members, Military Veterans, Military Spouses

Rule Numbers: §§283.12, 297.10

Statutory Authority: Texas Pharmacy Act, Chapter 551-569, Occupations Code:

- (1) Section 551.002 specifies that the purpose of the Act is to protect the public through the effective control and regulation of the practice of pharmacy; and
- (2) Section 554.051 gives the Board the authority to adopt rules for the proper administration and enforcement of the Act.

Purpose: The amendments, if adopted, implement provisions of SB 807 and SB 1307 regarding military service members, military veterans, and military spouses.

1 TITLE 22 EXAMINING BOARDS
2 PART 15 TEXAS STATE BOARD OF PHARMACY
3 CHAPTER 283 LICENSING REQUIREMENTS FOR PHARMACISTS
4

5 **§283.12 Licenses for Military Service Members, Military Veterans, and Military Spouses**
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7 (a) Definitions. The following words and terms, when used in this section, shall have the
8 following meanings, unless the context clearly indicates otherwise.
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10 (1) Active duty – current full-time military service in the armed forces of the United
11 States or active duty military service as a member of the Texas military forces, or similar
12 military service of another state.
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14 (2) Armed forces of the United States – the army, navy, air force, coast guard, or marine
15 corps of the United States or a reserve unit of one of those branches of the armed forces.
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17 (3) Military service member-a person who is on active duty.
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19 (4) Military spouse-a person who is married to a military service member.
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21 (5) Military veteran- a person who has served on active duty and who was discharged or
22 released from active duty.
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24 (b) Alternative licensing procedure. For the purpose of §55.004, Occupations Code, an
25 applicant for a pharmacist's license who is a military service member, military veteran, or
26 military spouse [~~the spouse of a person serving on active duty as a member of the armed~~
27 ~~forces of the United States]~~ may complete the following alternative procedures for licensing as a
28 pharmacist.
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30 (1) Requirements for licensing by reciprocity. An applicant for licensing by reciprocity who
31 meets all of the following requirements may be granted a temporary license as specified in
32 subsection (b) of this section prior to completing the NABP application for pharmacist license by
33 reciprocity, and taking and passing the Texas Pharmacy Jurisprudence Examination. The
34 applicant shall:
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36 (A) complete the Texas application for pharmacist license by reciprocity that includes the
37 following:
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39 (i) name;
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41 (ii) addresses, phone numbers, date of birth, and social security number; however, if an
42 individual is unable to obtain a social security number, an individual taxpayer identification
43 number may be provided in lieu of a social security number along with documentation indicating
44 why the individual is unable to obtain a social security number; and
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46 (iii) any other information requested on the application;
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48 (B) meet the educational and age requirements as set forth in §283.3 of this title (relating to
49 Educational and Age Requirements);
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51 (C) present to the board proof of initial licensing by examination and proof that any current
52 licenses and any other licenses granted to the applicant by any other state have not been
53 suspended, revoked, canceled, surrendered, or otherwise restricted for any reason;

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55 (D) meet all requirements necessary for the board to access the criminal history records
56 information, including submitting fingerprint information and such criminal history check does not
57 reveal any disposition for a crime **specified in** ~~[that board rule]~~ §281.64 of this title (relating to
58 Sanctions for Criminal Offenses) indicates a sanction of denial, revocation, or suspension; **and**
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60 (E) **be exempt from the application and examination fees paid to the board set forth in**
61 **§283.9(a)(2)(A) and (b)** ~~[pay the licensing fee set out in §283.9]~~ of this title (relating to Fee
62 Requirements for Licensure by Examination, Score Transfer and Reciprocity); and
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64 (F) provide documentation ~~[that the applicant is the spouse of a member of the armed forces~~
65 ~~of the United States]~~ to include:

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67 (i) ~~[marriage certificate; and]~~

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69 ~~[(ii)]~~ military identification indicating that the

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71 ~~[(i)]~~ applicant is a military **service member, military veteran, or military dependent, if a**
72 **military spouse**; and
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74 **(ii) [(ii)] marriage certificate, if a military spouse.** ~~[applicant's spouse is on active duty~~
75 ~~status.]~~
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77 (2) Requirements for an applicant whose Texas pharmacist's license has expired. An applicant
78 whose Texas pharmacist's license has expired within five years preceding the application date
79 ~~[and while the applicant lived in another state for at least six months]:~~

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81 (A) shall complete the Texas application for licensing that includes the following:

82
83 (i) name;

84
85 (ii) addresses, phone numbers, date of birth, and social security number; however, if an
86 individual is unable to obtain a social security number, an individual taxpayer identification
87 number may be provided in lieu of a social security number along with documentation indicating
88 why the individual is unable to obtain a social security number; and
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90 (iii) any other information requested on the application;

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92 (B) shall provide documentation ~~[that the applicant is the spouse of a person serving on~~
93 ~~active duty as a member of the armed forces of the United States]~~ to include:

94
95 (i) ~~[marriage certificate; and]~~

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97 ~~[(ii)]~~ military identification **indicating that the applicant is a military service member,**
98 **military veteran, or military dependent, if a military spouse**; and
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100 **(ii) [(ii)] marriage certificate, if a military spouse;**

101 (C) shall pay the renewal fee specified in §295.5 of this title (relating to Pharmacist License
102 Renewal Fees); **however, the applicant shall be exempt from the fees specified in §295.7**
103 **(3) of this title (relating to Pharmacist License Renewal).**

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105 (D) shall complete approved continuing education requirements according to the following
106 schedule:

107
108 (i) if the Texas pharmacist license has been expired for more than one year but less than
109 two years, the applicant shall complete 15 contact hours of approved continuing education;

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111 (ii) if the Texas pharmacist license has been expired for more than two years but less than
112 three years, the applicant shall complete 30 contact hours of approved continuing education; or

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114 (iii) if the Texas pharmacist license has been expired for more than three years but less than
115 five years, the applicant shall complete 45 contact hours of approved continuing education; and

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117 (E) is not required to take the Texas Pharmacy Jurisprudence Examination.

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119 (3) A temporary license issued under this section is valid for no more than six months and may
120 be extended, if disciplinary action is pending, or upon request, as otherwise determined
121 reasonably necessary by the executive director of the board.

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123 (4) A temporary license issued under this section expires within six months of issuance if the
124 individual fails to pass the Texas Pharmacy Jurisprudence Examination within six months or
125 fails to take the Texas Pharmacy Jurisprudence Examination within six months.

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127 (5) An individual may not serve as pharmacist-in-charge of a pharmacy with a temporary
128 license issued under this subsection.

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130 **(c) [(b)] Expedited licensing procedure. For the purpose of §55.005, Occupations Code, an**
131 **applicant for a pharmacist license who is a military service member, military veteran, or**
132 **military spouse [the spouse of a person serving on active duty as a member of the armed**
133 **forces of the United States]** and who holds a current license as a pharmacist issued by another
134 state may complete the following expedited procedures for licensing as a pharmacist. The
135 applicant shall:

136
137 (1) meet the educational and age requirements specified in §283.3 of this title (relating to
138 Educational and Age Requirements);

139
140 (2) meet all requirements necessary in order for the board to access the criminal history record
141 information, including submitting fingerprint information and being responsible for all associated
142 costs;

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144 (3) complete the Texas and NABP applications for reciprocity. Any fraudulent statement made
145 in the application for reciprocity is grounds for denial of the application; if such application is
146 granted, any fraudulent statement is grounds for suspension, revocation, and/or cancellation of
147 any license so granted by the board. The Texas application includes the following information:

148 (A) name;

151 (B) addresses, phone numbers, date of birth, and social security number; however, if an
152 individual is unable to obtain a social security number, an individual taxpayer identification
153 number may be provided in lieu of a social security number along with documentation indicating
154 why the individual is unable to obtain a social security number; and
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156 (C) any other information requested on the application.
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158 (4) shall present to the board proof of initial licensing by examination and proof that their
159 current license and any other license or licenses granted to the applicant by any other state
160 have not been suspended, revoked, canceled, surrendered, or otherwise restricted for any
161 reason; and
162

163 (5) shall pass the Texas Pharmacy Jurisprudence Examination with a minimum grade of 75.
164 (The passing grade may be used for the purpose of licensure by reciprocity for a period of two
165 years from the date of passing the examination.) Should the applicant fail to achieve a minimum
166 grade of 75 on the Texas Pharmacy Jurisprudence Examination, such applicant, in order to be
167 licensed, shall retake the Texas Pharmacy Jurisprudence Examination as specified in §283.11
168 of this title (relating to Examination Retake Requirements) until such time as a minimum grade
169 of 75 is achieved.
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171 **(d) License renewal. As specified in §55.003, Occupations Code, a military service**
172 **member who holds a pharmacist license is entitled to two years of additional time to**
173 **complete any requirements related to the renewal of the military service member's**
174 **license as follows:**
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176 **(1) A military service member who fails to renew their pharmacist license in a timely**
177 **manner because the individual was serving as a military service member shall submit to**
178 **the board:**
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180 **(A) name, address, and license number of the pharmacist;**
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182 **(B) military identification indicating that the individual is a military service member; and**
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184 **(C) a statement requesting up to two years of additional time to complete the renewal.**
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186 **(2) A military service member specified in paragraph (1) of this subsection shall be**
187 **exempt from fees specified in §295.7 (3) of this title (relating to Pharmacist License**
188 **Renewal).**
189

190 **(3) A military service member specified in paragraph (1) of this subsection is entitled to**
191 **two additional years of time to complete the continuing education requirements**
192 **specified in §295.9 of this title (relating to Continuing Education Requirements).**

1 TITLE 22 EXAMINING BOARDS
2 PART 15 TEXAS STATE BOARD OF PHARMACY
3 CHAPTER 297 PHARMACY TECHNICIANS AND PHARMACY TECHNICIAN TRAINEES
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6 **§297.10 Registration for Military Service Members, Military Veterans, and Military**
7 **Spouses**
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9 (a) **Definitions. The following words and terms, when used in this section, shall have the**
10 **following meanings, unless the context clearly indicates otherwise.**
11

12 **(1) Active duty – current full-time military service in the armed forces of the United**
13 **States or active duty military service as a member of the Texas military forces, or similar**
14 **military service of another state.**
15

16 **(2) Armed forces of the United States – the army, navy, air force, coast guard, or marine**
17 **corps of the United States or a reserve unit of one of those branches of the armed forces.**
18

19 **(3) Military service member-a person who is on active duty.**
20

21 **(4) Military spouse-a person who is married to a military service member.**
22

23 **(5) Military veteran- a person who has served on active duty and who was discharged or**
24 **released from active duty.**
25

26 **(b) Alternative registration procedure.** For the purpose of §55.004, Occupations Code, an
27 applicant for a pharmacy technician registration who is **a military service member, military**
28 **veteran, or military spouse** ~~[the spouse of a person serving on active duty as a member of the~~
29 ~~armed forces of the United States]~~ may complete the following alternative procedures for
30 registering as a pharmacy technician.
31

32 (1) An applicant who holds a current registration as a pharmacy technician issued by another
33 state but does not have a current PTCB certificate shall meet the requirements for registration
34 as a pharmacy technician trainee as specified in §297.3 of this chapter (relating to Registration
35 Requirements).
36

37 (2) An applicant who held a pharmacy technician registration in Texas that expired within the
38 five years preceding the application date ~~[and the registration expired while the applicant lived in~~
39 ~~another state for at least six months]~~ who meets the following requirements may be granted a
40 pharmacy technician registration. The applicant:
41

42 (A) shall complete the Texas application for registration that includes the following:
43

44 (i) name;
45

46 (ii) addresses, phone numbers, date of birth, and social security number; however, if an
47 individual is unable to obtain a social security number, an individual taxpayer identification
48 number may be provided in lieu of a social security number along with documentation indicating
49 why the individual is unable to obtain a social security number; and
50

51 (iii) any other information requested on the application;

52
53 (B) shall provide documentation~~[that the applicant is the spouse of a member of the armed~~
54 ~~forces of the United States]~~ to include:

55
56 (i) ~~[marriage certificate; and]~~

57
58 ~~[(ii)]~~ military identification indicating that the~~[-]~~

59
60 ~~[(4)]~~ applicant is a military **service member, military veteran, or military** dependent, **if a**
61 **military spouse**; and

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63 **(ii) [(4)] marriage certificate, if the applicant is a military spouse**; applicant's spouse is
64 on active duty status;

65
66 (C) **be exempt from the application fees paid to the board set forth in §297.4(a) and**
67 **(b)(2) of this chapter** ~~[shall pay the registration fee set out in §297.4 of this title];~~

68
69 (D) shall meet all necessary requirements in order for the board to access the criminal history
70 records information, including submitting fingerprint information and such criminal history check
71 does not reveal any charge or conviction for a crime that §281.64 of this title (relating to
72 Sanctions for Criminal Offenses) indicates a sanction of denial, revocation, or suspension; and

73
74 (E) is not required to have a current PTCB certificate.

75
76 **(c) [(b)] Expedited registration procedure. For the purpose of §55.005, Occupations Code, an**
77 **applicant for a pharmacy technician registration who is a military service member, military**
78 **veteran or military spouse** ~~[the spouse of a person serving on active duty as a member of the~~
79 ~~armed forces of the United States]~~ and who holds a current registration as a pharmacy
80 technician issued by another state **or who held a pharmacy technician registration in Texas**
81 **that expired within the five years preceding the application date** may complete the
82 following expedited procedures for registering as a pharmacy technician.

83
84 (1) The applicant shall:

85
86 (A) have a high school or equivalent diploma (e.g., GED), or be working to achieve a high
87 school or equivalent diploma. For the purpose of this clause, an applicant for registration may
88 be working to achieve a high school or equivalent diploma for no more than two years; and

89
90 (B) have taken and passed the Pharmacy Technician Certification Board's National Pharmacy
91 Technician Certification Examination or other examination approved by the board and have a
92 current certification certificate; and

93
94 (C) complete the Texas application for registration that includes the following information:

95
96 (i) name;

97
98 (ii) addresses, phone numbers, date of birth, and social security number; however, if an
99 individual is unable to obtain a social security number, an individual taxpayer identification
100 number may be provided in lieu of a social security number along with documentation indicating
101 why the individual is unable to obtain a social security number; and

103 (iii) any other information requested on the application.
104

105 (D) meet all requirements necessary in order for the Board to access the criminal history
106 record information, including submitting fingerprint information and paying the required fees;
107 and
108

109 (E) **shall be exempt from** [pay] the registration fee as specified in §297.4 **(b)(2)** of this
110 **chapter** [title] (relating to Fees).
111

112 (2) Once an applicant has successfully completed all requirements of registration, and the
113 board has determined there are no grounds to refuse registration, the applicant will be notified
114 of registration as a registered pharmacy technician and of his or her pharmacy technician
115 registration number.
116

117 (3) All applicants for renewal of an expedited pharmacy technician registration issued to a
118 **military service member, military veteran, or** military spouse shall comply with the renewal
119 procedures as specified in §297.3 of this **chapter** [title] (relating to Registration Requirements).
120

121 **(d) License renewal. As specified in §55.003, Occupations Code, a military service**
122 **member who holds a pharmacy technician registration is entitled to two years of**
123 **additional time to complete any requirements related to the renewal of the military**
124 **service member's registration as follows:**
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126 **(1) A military service member who fails to renew their pharmacy technician registration**
127 **in a timely manner because the individual was serving as a military service member shall**
128 **submit to the board:**
129

130 **(A) name, address, and registration number of the pharmacy technician;**
131

132 **(B) military identification indicating that the individual is a military service member; and**
133

134 **(C) a statement requesting up to two years of additional time to complete the renewal.**
135

136 **(2) A military service member specified in paragraph (1) of this subsection shall be**
137 **exempt from fees specified in §297.3 (d)(4) of this chapter (relating to Registration**
138 **Requirements).**
139

140 **(3) A military service member specified in paragraph (1) of this subsection is entitled to**
141 **two additional years of time to complete the continuing education requirements specified**
142 **in §297.8 of this title (relating to Continuing Education Requirements).**
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AN ACT

1
2 relating to occupational license application and examination fees
3 for certain military service members, military veterans, and
4 military spouses.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

6 SECTION 1. Chapter 55, Occupations Code, is amended by
7 adding Section 55.009 to read as follows:

8 Sec. 55.009. LICENSE APPLICATION AND EXAMINATION FEES.

9 Notwithstanding any other law, a state agency that issues a license
10 shall waive the license application and examination fees paid to
11 the state for an applicant who is:

12 (1) a military service member or military veteran
13 whose military service, training, or education substantially meets
14 all of the requirements for the license; or

15 (2) a military service member, military veteran, or
16 military spouse who holds a current license issued by another
17 jurisdiction that has licensing requirements that are
18 substantially equivalent to the requirements for the license in
19 this state.

20 SECTION 2. The changes in law made by this Act apply only to

1 effect for that purpose.

2 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 807 passed the Senate on April 14, 2015, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Secretary of the Senate

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 807 passed the House on May 23, 2015, by the following vote: Yeas 141, Nays 0, two present not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

Approved:

Date

Governor

AN ACT

relating to occupational licenses for military service members,
military veterans, and military spouses.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. The heading to Chapter 55, Occupations Code, as amended by Chapters 66 (S.B. 162) and 348 (H.B. 2254), Acts of the 83rd Legislature, Regular Session, 2013, is reenacted to read as follows:

CHAPTER 55. LICENSING OF MILITARY SERVICE MEMBERS, MILITARY
VETERANS, AND MILITARY SPOUSES

SECTION 2. Section 55.001, Occupations Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 55.001. DEFINITIONS. In this chapter:

(1) "Active duty" means current full-time military service in the armed forces of the United States or active duty military service as a member of the Texas military forces, as defined by Section 437.001, Government Code, or similar military service of another state.

(2) "Armed forces of the United States" means the army, navy, air force, coast guard, or marine corps of the United States or a reserve unit of one of those branches of the armed forces.

(3) "License" means a license, certificate, registration, permit, or other form of authorization required by

1 law or a state agency rule that must be obtained by an individual to
2 engage in a particular business.

3 (4) [~~(1-a)~~] "Military service member" means a person
4 who is on active duty [~~currently serving in the armed forces of the~~
5 ~~United States, in a reserve component of the armed forces of the~~
6 ~~United States, including the National Guard, or in the state~~
7 ~~military service of any state~~].

8 (5) [~~(1-b)~~] "Military spouse" means a person who is
9 married to a military service member [~~who is currently on active~~
10 ~~duty~~].

11 (6) [~~(1-c)~~] "Military veteran" means a person who has
12 served on active duty and who was discharged or released from active
13 duty [~~in the army, navy, air force, marine corps, or coast guard of~~
14 ~~the United States, or in an auxiliary service of one of those~~
15 ~~branches of the armed forces~~].

16 (7) [~~(2)~~] "State agency" means a department, board,
17 bureau, commission, committee, division, office, council, or
18 agency of the state.

19 SECTION 3. Section 55.002, Occupations Code, is amended to
20 read as follows:

21 Sec. 55.002. EXEMPTION FROM PENALTY FOR FAILURE TO RENEW
22 LICENSE. A state agency that issues a license shall adopt rules to
23 exempt an individual who holds a license issued by the agency from
24 any increased fee or other penalty imposed by the agency for failing
25 to renew the license in a timely manner if the individual
26 establishes to the satisfaction of the agency that the individual
27 failed to renew the license in a timely manner because the

1 individual was serving as a military service member [~~on active duty~~
2 ~~in the United States armed forces serving outside this state~~].

3 SECTION 4. Section 55.003, Occupations Code, is amended to
4 read as follows:

5 Sec. 55.003. EXTENSION OF LICENSE RENEWAL [~~CERTAIN~~]
6 DEADLINES FOR [~~ACTIVE DUTY~~] MILITARY SERVICE MEMBERS [~~PERSONNEL~~].

7 A military service member [~~person~~] who holds a license [~~, is a member~~
8 ~~of the state military forces or a reserve component of the armed~~
9 ~~forces of the United States, and is ordered to active duty by proper~~
10 ~~authority~~] is entitled to two years of [~~an~~] additional [~~amount of~~]
11 time [~~, equal to the total number of years or parts of years that the~~
12 ~~person serves on active duty,~~] to complete:

- 13 (1) any continuing education requirements; and
14 (2) any other requirement related to the renewal of
15 the military service member's [~~person's~~] license.

16 SECTION 5. Section 55.004, Occupations Code, is amended to
17 read as follows:

18 Sec. 55.004. ALTERNATIVE LICENSING [~~LICENSE PROCEDURE~~] FOR
19 MILITARY SERVICE MEMBERS, MILITARY VETERANS, AND MILITARY SPOUSES

20 [~~SPOUSE~~]. (a) A state agency that issues a license shall adopt
21 rules for the issuance of the license to an applicant who is a
22 military service member, military veteran, or military spouse [~~the~~
23 ~~spouse of a person serving on active duty as a member of the armed~~
24 ~~forces of the United States~~] and:

- 25 (1) holds a current license issued by another
26 jurisdiction [~~state~~] that has licensing requirements that are
27 substantially equivalent to the requirements for the license in

1 this state; or

2 (2) within the five years preceding the application
3 date held the license in this state [~~that expired while the~~
4 ~~applicant lived in another state for at least six months~~].

5 (b) [~~Rules adopted under this section must include~~
6 ~~provisions to allow alternative demonstrations of competency to~~
7 ~~meet the requirements for obtaining the license.~~

8 [~~(c)~~] The executive director of a state agency may waive any
9 prerequisite to obtaining a license for an applicant described by
10 Subsection (a) after reviewing the applicant's credentials [~~issue a~~
11 ~~license by endorsement in the same manner as the Texas Commission of~~
12 ~~Licensing and Regulation under Section 51.404 to an applicant~~
13 ~~described by Subsection (a)~~].

14 (c) In addition to the rules adopted under Subsection (a), a
15 state agency that issues a license may adopt rules that would
16 establish alternate methods for a military service member, military
17 veteran, or military spouse to demonstrate competency to meet the
18 requirements for obtaining the license.

19 SECTION 6. The heading to Section 55.005, Occupations Code,
20 as added by Chapter 66 (S.B. 162), Acts of the 83rd Legislature,
21 Regular Session, 2013, is amended to read as follows:

22 Sec. 55.005. EXPEDITED LICENSE PROCEDURE FOR MILITARY
23 SERVICE MEMBERS, MILITARY VETERANS, AND MILITARY SPOUSES.

24 SECTION 7. Section 55.005(a), Occupations Code, as added by
25 Chapter 66 (S.B. 162), Acts of the 83rd Legislature, Regular
26 Session, 2013, is amended to read as follows:

27 (a) A state agency that issues a license shall, as soon as

1 practicable after a military service member, military veteran, or
2 military spouse files an application for a license:

3 (1) process the application; and

4 (2) issue the [a] license to an [~~a qualified military~~
5 ~~spouse~~] applicant who qualifies for the license under Section
6 55.004 [~~holds a current license issued by another jurisdiction that~~
7 ~~has licensing requirements that are substantially equivalent to the~~
8 ~~licensing requirements in this state~~].

9 SECTION 8. Section 55.005, Occupations Code, as added by
10 Chapter 348 (H.B. 2254), Acts of the 83rd Legislature, Regular
11 Session, 2013, is redesignated as Section 55.008, Occupations Code,
12 and amended to read as follows:

13 Sec. 55.008 [~~55.005~~]. APPRENTICESHIP REQUIREMENTS FOR
14 APPLICANT WITH MILITARY EXPERIENCE. (a) Notwithstanding any
15 other law, if an apprenticeship is required for a [~~an occupational~~]
16 license issued by a state agency, the state agency shall credit
17 verified military service, training, or education that is relevant
18 to the occupation toward the apprenticeship requirements for the
19 license.

20 (b) The state agency shall adopt rules necessary to
21 implement this section.

22 SECTION 9. The heading to Section 55.006, Occupations Code,
23 is amended to read as follows:

24 Sec. 55.006. RENEWAL OF EXPEDITED LICENSE ISSUED TO
25 MILITARY SERVICE MEMBER, MILITARY VETERAN, OR MILITARY SPOUSE.

26 SECTION 10. Chapter 55, Occupations Code, is amended by
27 adding Section 55.009 to read as follows:

1 Sec. 55.009. NOTICE OF CHAPTER PROVISIONS. A state agency
2 that issues a license shall prominently post a notice on the home
3 page of the agency's Internet website describing the provisions of
4 this chapter that are available to military service members,
5 military veterans, and military spouses.

6 SECTION 11. The changes in law made by this Act apply only
7 to an application for an occupational license or renewal of an
8 occupational license filed on or after January 1, 2016. An
9 application for a license or for license renewal filed before
10 January 1, 2016, is governed by the law in effect immediately before
11 the effective date of this Act, and that law is continued in effect
12 for that purpose.

13 SECTION 12. To the extent of any conflict, this Act prevails
14 over another Act of the 84th Legislature, Regular Session, 2015,
15 relating to nonsubstantive additions to and corrections in enacted
16 codes.

17 SECTION 13. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.

S.B. No. 1307

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 1307 passed the Senate on April 29, 2015, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Secretary of the Senate

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 1307 passed the House on May 27, 2015, by the following vote: Yeas 144, Nays 0, two present not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

Approved:

Date

Governor