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1                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to military spouses; amending s.  
3           456.024, F.S.; providing for issuance of a temporary  
4           license to specified health care practitioners who are  
5           spouses of active duty members of the Armed Forces  
6           under certain circumstances; providing for criminal  
7           history checks; providing fees; providing for  
8           expiration of a temporary license; providing an  
9           effective date.

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11 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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13           Section 1. Subsection (3) is added to section 456.024,  
14 Florida Statutes, to read:

15           456.024 Members of Armed Forces in good standing with  
16 administrative boards or the department; spouses.—

17           (3) (a) The department may issue a temporary professional  
18 license to the spouse of an active duty member of the Armed  
19 Forces of the United States who submits to the department:

20           1. A completed application;

21           2. The required application fee;

22           3. Proof that the applicant is married to a member of the  
23 Armed Forces of the United States who is on active duty;

24           4. Proof that the applicant holds a valid license for the  
25 profession issued by another state, the District of Columbia, a  
26 possession or territory of the United States, or a foreign  
27 jurisdiction; and

28           5. Proof that the applicant's spouse is assigned to a duty  
29 station in this state and that the applicant is also assigned to

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30 a duty station in this state pursuant to the member's official  
31 active duty military orders.

32 (b) The applicant must also submit to the Department of Law  
33 Enforcement a complete set of fingerprints. The Department of  
34 Law Enforcement shall conduct a statewide criminal history check  
35 and forward the fingerprints to the Federal Bureau of  
36 Investigation for a national criminal history check.

37 (c) The department shall, and the board may, review the  
38 results of the state and federal criminal history checks  
39 according to the level 2 screening standards in s. 435.04 and  
40 shall determine whether the applicant meets the licensure  
41 requirements.

42 (d) The applicant shall pay the cost of fingerprint  
43 processing. If the fingerprints are submitted through an  
44 authorized agency or vendor, the agency or vendor shall collect  
45 the required processing fees and remit the fees to the  
46 Department of Law Enforcement.

47 (e) The department shall set an application fee, which may  
48 not exceed the cost of issuing the license.

49 (f) A temporary license expires 6 months after the date of  
50 issuance and is not renewable.

51 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2011.