

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

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

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

14           456.024 Members of Armed Forces in good standing with  
 15   administrative boards or the department; spouses.—

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

19           1. A completed application;

20           2. The required application fee;

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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