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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

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The Committee on Appropriations (Hays) recommended the following:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

Delete lines 396 - 530

and insert:

Section 7. Subsection (3) of section 456.024, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

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

(3) (a) A person is eligible for licensure as a health care practitioner in this state if he or she:



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11 1. who Serves or has served as a health care practitioner
12 in the United States Armed Forces, the United States Reserve
13 Forces, or the National Guard;

14 2. or a person who Serves or has served on active duty with
15 the United States Armed Forces as a health care practitioner in
16 the United States Public Health Service; or

17 3. Is a health care practitioner, other than a dentist, in
18 another state, the District of Columbia, or a possession or
19 territory of the United States and is the spouse of a person
20 serving on active duty with the United States Armed Forces, is
21 eligible for licensure in this state.

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23 The department shall develop an application form, and each
24 board, or the department if there is no board, shall waive the
25 application fee, licensure fee, and unlicensed activity fee for
26 such applicants. For purposes of this subsection, "health care
27 practitioner" means a health care practitioner as defined in s.
28 456.001 and a person licensed under part III of chapter 401 or
29 part IV of chapter 468.

30 (b)-(a) The board, or the department if there is no board,
31 shall issue a license to practice in this state to a person who:

32 1. Submits a complete application.

33 2. If he or she is member of the United States Armed
34 Forces, the United States Reserve Forces, or the National Guard,
35 submits proof that he or she has received ~~Receives~~ an honorable
36 discharge within 6 months before, or will receive an honorable
37 discharge within 6 months after, the date of submission of the
38 application.

39 3.a. Holds an active, unencumbered license issued by



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40 another state, the District of Columbia, or a possession or
41 territory of the United States and who has not had disciplinary
42 action taken against him or her in the 5 years preceding the
43 date of submission of the application;

44 b. Is a military health care practitioner in a profession
45 for which licensure in a state or jurisdiction is not required
46 to practice in the United States Armed Forces, if he or she
47 submits to the department evidence of military training or
48 experience substantially equivalent to the requirements for
49 licensure in this state in that profession and evidence that he
50 or she has obtained a passing score on the appropriate
51 examination of a national or regional standards organization if
52 required for licensure in this state; or

53 c. Is the spouse of a person serving on active duty in the
54 United States Armed Forces and is a health care practitioner in
55 a profession, excluding dentistry, for which licensure in
56 another state or jurisdiction is not required, if he or she
57 submits to the department evidence of training or experience
58 substantially equivalent to the requirements for licensure in
59 this state in that profession and evidence that he or she has
60 obtained a passing score on the appropriate examination of a
61 national or regional standards organization if required for
62 licensure in this state.

63 4. Attests that he or she is not, at the time of submission
64 of the application, the subject of a disciplinary proceeding in
65 a jurisdiction in which he or she holds a license or by the
66 United States Department of Defense for reasons related to the
67 practice of the profession for which he or she is applying.

68 5. Actively practiced the profession for which he or she is



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69 applying for the 3 years preceding the date of submission of the
70 application.

71 6. Submits a set of fingerprints for a background screening
72 pursuant to s. 456.0135, if required for the profession for
73 which he or she is applying.

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75 The department shall verify information submitted by the
76 applicant under this subsection using the National Practitioner
77 Data Bank.

78 (c)~~(b)~~ Each applicant who meets the requirements of this
79 subsection shall be licensed with all rights and
80 responsibilities as defined by law. The applicable board, or the
81 department if there is no board, may deny an application if the
82 applicant has been convicted of or pled guilty or nolo
83 contendere to, regardless of adjudication, any felony or
84 misdemeanor related to the practice of a health care profession
85 regulated by this state.

86 (d)~~(e)~~ An applicant for initial licensure under this
87 subsection must submit the information required by ss.
88 456.039(1) and 456.0391(1) no later than 1 year after the
89 license is issued.

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91 ===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =====

92 And the title is amended as follows:

93 Delete lines 40 - 42

94 and insert:

95 specified criteria; creating s.