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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Senate	.	House
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The Committee on Appropriations (Brandes) recommended the following:

Senate Amendment

Delete lines 49 - 121
and insert:

(2) A spouse of a member of the Armed Forces of the United States who is married to a member during a period of active duty, or a surviving spouse of a member who at the time of death was serving on active duty, ~~The boards listed in s. 20.165 shall adopt rules that exempt the spouse of a member of the Armed Forces of the United States~~ who is in good standing with any of



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11 the boards or programs listed in s. 20.165 shall be kept in good
12 standing by the applicable board or program as described in
13 subsection (1) and shall be exempt from licensure renewal
14 provisions, but only in cases of his or her absence from the
15 state because of his or her spouse's duties with the Armed
16 Forces.

17 (3) (a) The department shall ~~may~~ issue a ~~temporary~~
18 professional license to an applicant who is or was ~~the spouse of~~
19 an active duty member of the Armed Forces of the United States,
20 or who is a spouse or surviving spouse of such member, upon
21 application ~~if the spouse applies~~ to the department in a ~~the~~
22 format prescribed by the department. An application must include
23 proof that:

24 1. The applicant is or was an active duty member of the
25 Armed Forces of the United States or is married to a member of
26 the Armed Forces of the United States and was married to the
27 member during any period of ~~who is on~~ active duty or was married
28 to such a member who at the time of the member's death was
29 serving on active duty. An applicant who was an active duty
30 member of the Armed Forces of the United States must have
31 received an honorable discharge upon separation or discharge
32 from the Armed Forces of the United States.

33 2. The applicant holds a valid license for the profession
34 issued by another state, the District of Columbia, any
35 possession or territory of the United States, or any foreign
36 jurisdiction.

37 3. The applicant, when required by the specific practice
38 act, has complied with insurance or bonding requirements ~~The~~
39 ~~applicant's spouse is assigned to a duty station in this state~~



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40 ~~and that the applicant is also assigned to a duty station in~~
41 ~~this state pursuant to the member's official active duty~~
42 ~~military orders.~~

43 4.a. A complete set of the applicant's fingerprints is
44 submitted to the Department of Law Enforcement for a statewide
45 criminal history check.

46 b. The Department of Law Enforcement shall forward the
47 fingerprints submitted pursuant to sub-subparagraph a. to the
48 Federal Bureau of Investigation for a national criminal history
49 check. The department shall, and the board may, review the
50 results of the criminal history checks according to the level 2
51 screening standards in s. 435.04 and determine whether the
52 applicant meets the licensure requirements. The costs of
53 fingerprint processing shall be borne by the applicant. If the
54 applicant's fingerprints are submitted through an authorized
55 agency or vendor, the agency or vendor shall collect the
56 required processing fees and remit the fees to the Department of
57 Law Enforcement.

58 (b) The department shall waive the applicant's initial
59 licensure application fee ~~An application must be accompanied by~~
60 ~~an application fee prescribed by the department that is~~
61 ~~sufficient to cover the cost of issuance of the temporary~~
62 ~~license.~~

63 (c) An applicant who is issued a license under this section
64 may renew such license upon completion of the conditions for
65 renewal required of licenseholders under the applicable practice
66 act, including, without limitation, continuing education
67 requirements. This paragraph does not limit waiver of initial
68 licensure requirements under this subsection ~~A temporary license~~



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69 ~~expires 6 months after the date of issuance and is not~~
70 ~~renewable.~~

71 Section 3. Subsection (7) is added to section 455.219,
72 Florida Statutes, to read:

73 455.219 Fees; receipts; disposition; periodic management
74 reports.—

75 (7) (a) The department, or a board thereunder, shall waive
76 the initial licensure fee for a member of the Armed Forces of
77 the United States who has served on active duty, the spouse of a
78 member of the Armed Forces of the United States who was married
79 to the member during a period of active duty, the surviving
80 spouse of a member of the Armed Forces of the United