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COMMITTEE/SUBCOMMITTEE ACTION

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1 Committee/Subcommittee hearing bill: Careers & Competition
 2 Subcommittee

3 Representative Renner offered the following:

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5 **Amendment 1 (with title amendment)**

6 Remove everything after the enacting clause and insert:

7 Section 1. This act may be cited as the "Occupational
 8 Opportunity Act."

9 Section 2. Section 455.02, Florida Statutes, is amended to
 10 read:

11 455.02 Licensure of members of the Armed Forces in good
 12 standing and their spouses or surviving spouses with
 13 administrative boards.-

14 (1) Any member of the Armed Forces of the United States
 15 now or hereafter on active duty who, at the time of becoming
 16 such a member, was in good standing with any of the boards or

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17 programs listed in s. 20.165 ~~administrative board of the state~~
18 and was entitled to practice or engage in his or her profession
19 or vocation in the state shall be kept in good standing by the
20 applicable ~~such administrative board or program~~, without
21 registering, paying dues or fees, or performing any other act on
22 his or her part to be performed, as long as he or she is a
23 member of the Armed Forces of the United States on active duty
24 and for a period of 2 years ~~6 months~~ after discharge from active
25 duty as a member of the Armed Forces of the United States, if he
26 or she is not engaged in his or her licensed profession or
27 vocation in the private sector for profit.

28 (2) A spouse of a member of the Armed Services of the
29 United States who is married to a member during a period of
30 active duty, or a surviving spouse of a member who at the time
31 of death was serving on active duty, ~~The boards listed in s.~~
32 ~~20.165 shall adopt rules that exempt the spouse of a member of~~
33 ~~the Armed Forces of the United States who is in good standing~~
34 with any of the boards or programs listed in s. 20.165 shall be
35 kept in good standing by the applicable board or program as
36 described in subsection (1) and shall be exempt from licensure
37 renewal provisions, but only in cases of his or her absence from
38 the state because of his or her spouse's duties with the Armed
39 Forces.

40 (3) (a) The department shall ~~may~~ issue a ~~temporary~~
41 professional license to an applicant who is or was ~~the spouse of~~

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42 an active duty member of the Armed Forces of the United States,
43 or who is a spouse or surviving spouse of such member, if the
44 ~~spouse upon application applies~~ to the department in a the
45 format prescribed by the department. An application must include
46 proof that:

47 1. The applicant is or was an active duty member of the
48 Armed Forces of the United States or is married to a member of
49 the Armed Forces of the United States and was married to the
50 member during any period of ~~who is on~~ active duty or was married
51 to such a member who at the time of the member's death was
52 serving on active duty.

53 2. The applicant holds a valid license for the profession
54 issued by another state, the District of Columbia, any
55 possession or territory of the United States, or any foreign
56 jurisdiction.

57 3. The applicant, where required by the specific practice
58 act, has complied with insurance or bonding requirements ~~The~~
59 ~~applicant's spouse is assigned to a duty station in this state~~
60 ~~and that the applicant is also assigned to a duty station in~~
61 ~~this state pursuant to the member's official active duty~~
62 ~~military orders.~~

63 4.a. A complete set of the applicant's fingerprints is
64 submitted to the Department of Law Enforcement for a statewide
65 criminal history check.

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66 b. The Department of Law Enforcement shall forward the
67 fingerprints submitted pursuant to sub-subparagraph a. to the
68 Federal Bureau of Investigation for a national criminal history
69 check. The department shall, and the board may, review the
70 results of the criminal history checks according to the level 2
71 screening standards in s. 435.04 and determine whether the
72 applicant meets the licensure requirements. The costs of
73 fingerprint processing shall be borne by the applicant. If the
74 applicant's fingerprints are submitted through an authorized
75 agency or vendor, the agency or vendor shall collect the
76 required processing fees and remit the fees to the Department of
77 Law Enforcement.

78 (b) The department shall waive the applicant's initial
79 licensure application fee ~~An application must be accompanied by~~
80 ~~an application fee prescribed by the department that is~~
81 ~~sufficient to cover the cost of issuance of the temporary~~
82 ~~license.~~

83 (c) An applicant who is issued a license under this
84 section may renew such license upon completion of the conditions
85 for renewal required of licenseholders under the applicable
86 practice act, including, without limitation, continuing
87 education requirements. This paragraph does not limit waiver of
88 initial licensure requirements under this subsection ~~A temporary~~
89 ~~license expires 6 months after the date of issuance and is not~~
90 ~~renewable.~~

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

93 455.219 Fees; receipts; disposition; periodic management
94 reports.—

95 (7) (a) The department, or a board thereunder, shall waive
96 the initial licensing fee for a member of the Armed Services of
97 the United States that has served on active duty, the spouse of
98 a member of the Armed Services of the United States who was
99 married to the member during a period of active duty, the
100 surviving spouse of a member of the Armed Services of the United
101 States who at the time of death was serving on active duty, or a
102 low-income individual upon application by the individual in a
103 format prescribed by the department. The application format must
104 include the applicant's signature, under penalty of perjury, and
105 supporting documentation as required by the department. For
106 purposes of this subsection, the term "low-income individual"
107 means a person whose household income, before taxes, is at or
108 below 130 percent of the federal poverty guidelines prescribed
109 for the family's household size by the United States Department
110 of Health and Human Services, proof of which may be shown
111 through enrollment in a state or federal public assistance
112 program that requires participants to be at or below 130 percent
113 of the federal poverty guidelines to qualify.

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114 (b) The department, or a board thereunder, shall process
115 an application for a fee waiver within 30 days of receiving it
116 from the applicant.

117 (c) The department shall adopt rules necessary to
118 implement the provisions of this subsection.

119 Section 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 2017.

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Remove line 6 and insert:

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standing with an administrative board or program under certain