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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

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Senator Cruz moved the following:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

Delete lines 69 - 151

and insert:

(d) The department shall expedite all applications submitted by a spouse of an active duty member of the Armed Forces of the United States pursuant to this subsection and shall issue a license within 7 days after receipt of a complete application that includes all required documentation under subparagraphs (a)1.-4.

Section 2. Present paragraphs (a), (c), and (e) through (i)



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12 of subsection (4) of section 456.024, Florida Statutes, are
13 amended, and a new paragraph (i) is added to that subsection, to
14 read:

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

17 (4) (a) The board, or the department if there is no board,
18 shall ~~may~~ issue a ~~temporary~~ professional license to the spouse
19 of an active duty member of the Armed Forces of the United
20 States who submits to the department:

21 1. A completed application upon a form prepared and
22 furnished by the department in accordance with the board's
23 rules;

24 2. ~~The required application fee;~~

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

27 3.4. ~~Proof that the applicant holds a valid license for the~~
28 ~~profession issued by another state, the District of Columbia, or~~
29 ~~a possession or territory of the United States, and is not the~~
30 ~~subject of any disciplinary proceeding in any jurisdiction in~~
31 ~~which the applicant holds a license to practice a profession~~
32 ~~regulated by this chapter;~~

33 4.5. ~~Proof that the applicant's spouse is assigned to a~~
34 ~~duty station in this state pursuant to the member's official~~
35 ~~active duty military orders; and~~

36 5.6. ~~Proof that the applicant would otherwise be entitled~~
37 ~~to full licensure under the appropriate practice act, and is~~
38 ~~eligible to take the respective licensure examination as~~
39 ~~required in Florida.~~

40 (c) Each board, or the department if there is no board,



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41 shall review the results of the state and federal criminal
42 history checks according to the level 2 screening standards in
43 s. 435.04 when granting an exemption and when granting or
44 denying the ~~temporary~~ license.

45 (e) The department shall wave the applicant's licensure
46 ~~set an application fee, which may not exceed the cost of issuing~~
47 ~~the license.~~

48 (f) ~~A temporary license expires 12 months after the date of~~
49 ~~issuance and is not renewable.~~

50 ~~(g)~~ An applicant for a ~~temporary~~ license under this
51 subsection is subject to the requirements under s. 456.013(3) (a)
52 and (c).

53 (g) ~~(h)~~ An applicant shall be deemed ineligible for a
54 ~~temporary~~ license pursuant to this section if the applicant:

55 1. Has been convicted of or pled nolo contendere to,
56 regardless of adjudication, any felony or misdemeanor related to
57 the practice of a health care profession;

58 2. Has had a health care provider license revoked or
59 suspended from another of the United States, the District of
60 Columbia, or a United States territory;

61 3. Has been reported to the National Practitioner Data
62 Bank, unless the applicant has successfully appealed to have his
63 or her name removed from the data bank; or

64 4. Has previously failed the Florida examination required
65 to receive a license to practice the profession for which the
66 applicant is seeking a license.

67 (h) ~~(i)~~ The board, or the department if there is no board,
68 may revoke a ~~temporary~~ license upon finding that the individual
69 violated the profession's governing practice act.



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70 (i) The board, or the department if there is no board,
71 shall expedite all applications submitted by a spouse of an
72 active duty member of the Armed Forces of the United States
73 pursuant to this subsection and shall issue a license within 7
74 days after receipt of all required documentation for such
75 application.

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

78 And the title is amended as follows:

79 Delete lines 4 - 22

80 and insert:

81 Business and Professional Regulation to expedite
82 professional license applications submitted by spouses
83 of active duty members of the Armed Forces of the
84 United States; requiring the department to issue
85 certain licenses within a specified timeframe;
86 amending s. 456.024, F.S.; requiring the Department of
87 Health and certain boards to issue a professional
88 license to spouses of active duty members of the Armed
89 Forces of the United States if certain requirements
90 are met; requiring the department to waive the
91 application fee for such license applications;
92 requiring the department and certain boards to
93 expedite applications for such licenses and to issue
94 such licenses within a specified timeframe; conforming
95 provisions to