

House Bill 163

By: Representatives Jones of the 53rd and Scott of the 76th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Chapter 1 of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
2 general provisions relative to professions and businesses, so as to provide that each
3 professional licensing board shall waive licensing fees for military veterans; to provide for
4 an application; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other
5 purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 Chapter 1 of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general
9 provisions relative to professions and businesses, is amended by adding a new Code section
10 to read as follows:

11 "43-1-33.

12 Each professional licensing board created by this title shall waive all first-time licensing
13 fees and application fees for applicants who are veterans of any branch of the armed
14 services of the United States; provided, however, that to be eligible for such waiver a
15 veteran must have been discharged from active duty under other than dishonorable or bad
16 conduct conditions within 24 months of the date of the application. A veteran seeking the
17 waiver shall apply to the division director in such form as the division director deems
18 appropriate and shall provide such documentation as the division director shall require."

19 **SECTION 2.**

20 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.