

Senate Bill 27

By: Senators Thompson of the 14th, Kirkpatrick of the 32nd, Dugan of the 30th, Hatchett of the 50th, Hufstetler of the 52nd and others

AS PASSED

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 43-14-15 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
2 certain military certifications that entitle persons to obtain certain professional licenses, so
3 as to extend the time a member of the military has to qualify for the issuance of a license or
4 certification as an electrical contractor, plumber, conditioned air contractor, low-voltage
5 contractor, or utility contractor using his or her military specialty or certification; to provide
6 for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other
7 purposes.

8 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

9 **SECTION 1.**

10 Code Section 43-14-15 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to certain military
11 certifications that entitle persons to obtain certain professional licenses, is amended by
12 revising subsection (c) as follows:

13 "(c) Any current or former member of the military may apply to the licensing board for the
14 immediate issuance of a license or certification based upon his or her having obtained a
15 military specialty or certification, the training or experience for which substantially meets
16 or exceeds the requirements to obtain a license or certification identified in subsection (b)

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17 of this Code section. In order to qualify under this subsection, an applicant shall make
18 application not later than ~~180 days~~ two years after his or her discharge. The licensing
19 board, in its discretion, may by rule or regulation extend such two-year period for a license
20 or certification, or class thereof, or may extend such two-year period for an individual
21 applicant if certain circumstances, including, but not limited to, health, hospitalization, or
22 other related emergencies or exigencies, prevented the member of the military from making
23 an application. Such application shall be in such form and shall require such
24 documentation as the division director shall determine. If the applicant satisfies the
25 requirements of this Code section, the division director shall direct the appropriate division
26 to issue the appropriate license, and the division shall immediately issue such license;
27 provided, however, that the applicant shall satisfy all financial and insurance requirements
28 for the issuance of such license. This Code section shall only apply to the initial issuance
29 of a license. After the initial issuance of a license, the licensee shall be subject to any
30 provisions relating to the renewal of the license applicable to all licensees.”

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SECTION 2.

32 This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law
33 without such approval.

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SECTION 3.

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