

House Bill 552

By: Representatives Scott of the 76th, Davis of the 87th, and Schofield of the 63rd

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 regarding professions and businesses, so as to provide for military spouses
3 licensed in other states to practice certain professions and occupations to obtain a license by
4 endorsement to practice in this state; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters;
5 to repeal conflicting laws; and for other 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 regarding professions and businesses, is amended by adding a new Code section
10 to read as follows:

11 "43-1-34.1.

12 (a) As used in this Code section, the term:

13 (1) 'License' shall have the same meaning as provided in Code Section 43-1-34.

14 (2) 'Military' shall have the same meaning as provided in Code Section 43-1-34.

15 (3) 'Other board' shall have the same meaning as provided in Code Section 43-1-34.

16 (4) 'Service member' shall have the same meaning as provided in Code Section 43-1-34.

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17 (5) 'State' means a state of the United States, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, the
18 United States Virgin Islands, or any territory or insular possession subject to the
19 jurisdiction of the United States.

20 (6) 'Transitioning service member' shall have the same meaning as provided in Code
21 Section 43-1-34.

22 (b) Notwithstanding any other provisions of law, a professional licensing board or other
23 board shall issue an expedited license by endorsement to any individual that:

24 (1) Is a spouse of a service member or transitioning service member stationed within this
25 state;

26 (2) Holds a current license to practice such occupation or profession issued by another
27 state for which the training, experience, and testing meet at least a majority of the
28 requirements under this state to obtain a license; and

29 (3) Is in good standing in such other state.

30 (c) A professional licensing board shall expedite all applications submitted by a spouse of
31 a service member or transitioning service member, shall issue such license within seven
32 days of receipt of all required documentation for such application, and shall waive any
33 licensure application fees."

34 **SECTION 2.**

35 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.