

Senate Bill 45

By: Senators Thompson of the 14th, Albers of the 56th, Gooch of the 51st, Mullis of the 53rd, Beach of the 21st and others

AS PASSED SENATE**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 of professions and businesses, so as to provide for individuals who move
 3 to the state and establish residency to obtain a license by endorsement to practice certain
 4 professions and occupations in this state; to provide for requirements; to provide for related
 5 matters; to provide for an effective date; 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 of professions and businesses, is amended by revising Code Section 43-1-34.1,
 10 relating to expedited license by endorsement for military spouses, 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.

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 are substantially similar in
28 qualifications and scope to the requirements under this state to obtain a license;

29 (3) Is in good standing in such other state; and

30 (4) Passes any examination that may only be required to demonstrate knowledge of the
31 laws and rules and regulations of this state specific to the practice of the profession,
32 business, or trade for which such expedited license by endorsement is being sought.

33 (c) Notwithstanding any other provisions of law, a professional licensing board or other
34 board shall issue a license by endorsement for any license other than those provided to
35 dentists under Chapter 11 or to physicians or osteopaths under Chapter 34 of this title to
36 any individual that:

37 (1) Moves from another state and establishes residency in this state;

38 (2) Holds a current license to practice such occupation or profession issued by another
39 state that was acquired prior to moving from another state and establishing residency in
40 this state for which the training, experience, and testing are substantially similar in
41 qualifications and scope to the requirements under this state to obtain a license;

42 (3) Is in good standing in such other state and is not the subject of an investigation being
43 conducted by a professional licensing board or other board in such other state; and

44 (4) Passes any examination that may only be required to demonstrate knowledge of the
45 laws and rules and regulations of this state specific to the practice of the profession,
46 business, or trade for which such license by endorsement is being sought.
47 ~~(e)~~(d) Nothing contained in this Code section shall be construed to invalidate, override, or
48 amend any licensing compact entered into by the State of Georgia or to permit the issuance
49 of a license without verification under Code Section 50-36-1."

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SECTION 2.

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

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SECTION 3.

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