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1 AN ACT Relating to professional licensing requirements for
2 service members and military spouses; amending RCW 18.340.010; adding
3 new sections to chapter 18.340 RCW; adding a new section to chapter
4 43.24 RCW; and adding a new section to chapter 43.22 RCW.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

6 **Sec. 1.** RCW 18.340.010 and 2011 2nd sp.s. c 5 s 1 are each
7 amended to read as follows:

8 The lives of military families are dominated by frequent
9 deployments, relocations, and extended periods of single parenthood.
10 ((Military)) Service members and their spouses are some of the most
11 mobile populations in our country, making the maintenance of
12 professional licenses a significant obstacle. According to the
13 ((2010)) 2019 defense management data center, there are
14 ((thirty-three thousand three hundred eighty active duty and ten
15 thousand eight hundred thirty-seven)) more than eighty thousand
16 active duty and reserve service members and nearly forty thousand
17 active duty and reserve military spouses residing in Washington.
18 Military families depend on two incomes and want to achieve their
19 career goals and aspirations. It is the intent of the legislature to
20 recognize the sacrifices made by military families in service to our

1 country and our state and to help alleviate the (~~hardships~~) career
2 turmoil military families face due to their highly transient life.

3 NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. A new section is added to chapter 18.340
4 RCW to read as follows:

5 (1) A member of the armed forces of the United States or an
6 active duty military spouse may engage in the practice of a
7 profession regulated under this title without obtaining a Washington
8 state certificate, registration, license, or permit if he or she is:

9 (a) Stationed, or is the spouse of a member of the armed forces
10 who is stationed, in Washington;

11 (b) Certified, registered, or licensed, or has a permit to
12 perform such professional services in another state;

13 (c) In good standing in the state of licensure; and

14 (d) Not subject to any pending investigation, charges, or
15 disciplinary action by the regulatory body of another state.

16 (2) By December 1, 2021, and biennially thereafter, each
17 authority must report to the appropriate committees of the
18 legislature the number and nature of complaints filed, if any,
19 against a member of the armed forces or a military spouse engaging in
20 the practice of a profession under this section and sections 3 and 4
21 of this act.

22 (3) For the purposes of this section:

23 (a) "Active duty military spouse" means any person currently
24 married to someone who is an active or reserve member in any branch
25 of the armed forces of the United States, including the national
26 guard, coast guard, and armed forces reserves.

27 (b) "Authority" means any board, commission, or other authority
28 for issuance of a license, certificate, registration, or permit under
29 this title.

30 NEW SECTION. Sec. 3. A new section is added to chapter 43.24
31 RCW to read as follows:

32 (1) A member of the armed forces of the United States or an
33 active duty military spouse may engage in the practice of a
34 profession regulated by the department of licensing without obtaining
35 a Washington state certificate, registration, license, or permit if
36 he or she is:

37 (a) Stationed, or is the spouse of a member of the armed forces
38 who is stationed, in Washington;

1 (b) Certified, registered, or licensed, or has a permit to
2 perform such professional services in another state;

3 (c) In good standing in the state of licensure; and

4 (d) Not subject to any pending investigation, charges, or
5 disciplinary action by the regulatory body of another state.

6 (2) For the purposes of this section, "active duty military
7 spouse" means any person currently married to someone who is an
8 active or reserve member in any branch of the armed forces of the
9 United States, including the national guard, coast guard, and armed
10 forces reserves.

11 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** A new section is added to chapter 43.22
12 RCW to read as follows:

13 (1) A member of the armed forces of the United States or an
14 active duty military spouse may engage in the practice of a
15 profession regulated by the department of labor and industries
16 without obtaining a Washington state certificate, registration,
17 license, or permit if he or she is:

18 (a) Stationed, or is the spouse of a member of the armed forces
19 who is stationed, in Washington;

20 (b) Certified, registered, or licensed, or has a permit to
21 perform such professional services in another state;

22 (c) In good standing in the state of licensure; and

23 (d) Not subject to any pending investigation, charges, or
24 disciplinary action by the regulatory body of another state.

25 (2) For the purposes of this section, "active duty military
26 spouse" means any person currently married to someone who is an
27 active or reserve member in any branch of the armed forces of the
28 United States, including the national guard, coast guard, and armed
29 forces reserves.

30 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** A new section is added to chapter 18.340
31 RCW to read as follows:

32 The employment security department, the department of health, the
33 department of labor and industries, the department of licensing, and
34 the department of veterans affairs shall each maintain a military
35 assistance web page containing the department's rules, regulations,
36 and procedures related to the professional licensing of veterans,
37 members of the armed services, and military spouses and links to the
38 military assistance web pages of other state agencies. A direct link

1 to the agency's military assistance page must be displayed on the
2 agency's home page.

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