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**HOUSE BILL 2534**

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**By** Representatives Dufault, Vick, Santos, Hoff, Walen, Ybarra, Barkis, Corry, Paul, Duerr, Caldier, Gildon, Volz, Ormsby, and Van Werven

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1 AN ACT Relating to provisional professional licenses for service  
2 members and military spouses; adding a new section to chapter 43.24  
3 RCW; and creating a new section.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** (1) The legislature finds that many  
6 professions with occupational licensing requirements have differing  
7 requirements between states which an individual must fulfill before  
8 being allowed to practice that profession. This reality prevents  
9 certain individuals from continuing work in their profession upon  
10 moving to Washington state, until they complete often costly, time-  
11 consuming, and redundant application requirements.

12 (2) Furthermore, the legislature acknowledges the undue burden  
13 this can cause military families who are frequently required to  
14 relocate across state lines.

15 (3) It is, therefore, the intent of the legislature to direct the  
16 department of licensing to establish procedures to issue a  
17 provisional occupational license to perform professional services  
18 regulated by the department to a member of the armed forces or an  
19 active duty military spouse who is licensed to perform that practice  
20 in another state.

1        NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 2.**    A new section is added to chapter 43.24  
2 RCW to read as follows:

3        (1) For the purposes of this section:

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

8        (b) "Department" means the department of licensing.

9        (c) "Provisional license, certificate, registration, or permit"  
10 means immediate authorization to perform the full range of activities  
11 allowed with a standard license, certificate, registration, or permit  
12 for a period of three years, or the duration of a standard license,  
13 certificate, registration, or permit if less than three years.

14        (2) By January 1, 2021, the department shall establish procedures  
15 to issue a provisional license, certificate, registration, or permit  
16 to perform professional services regulated by the department to a  
17 member of the armed forces of the United States or an active duty  
18 military spouse who is:

19        (a) Currently certified, registered, or licensed, or has a permit  
20 in good standing to perform professional services in another state;  
21 and

22        (b) Stationed, or is the spouse of a member of the armed forces  
23 who is stationed, in Washington.

24        (3) (a) An applicant must state in the application that he or she:

25        (i) Has requested verification from the other state or states  
26 that the person is currently licensed, certified, or registered, or  
27 has a permit; and

28        (ii) Is not subject to any pending investigation, charges, or  
29 disciplinary action by the regulatory body of the other state or  
30 states.

31        (b) If the department finds reasonable cause to believe that an  
32 applicant falsely affirmed or stated either of the requirements under  
33 (a) of this subsection, the department may summarily suspend the  
34 provisional license, certificate, registration, or permit pending an  
35 investigation or further action to discipline or revoke the license,  
36 certificate, registration, or permit.

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