

1 HOUSE BILL NO. 152

2 INTRODUCED BY B. MERCER

3 BY REQUEST OF THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND INDUSTRY

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5 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REVISING LAWS RELATED TO PROFESSIONAL AND
6 OCCUPATIONAL LICENSING BY THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND INDUSTRY; ~~REORGANIZING AND~~
7 ~~CLARIFYING GENERALLY APPLICABLE PROVISIONS UNDER AN ADMINISTRATIVE CHAPTER AND~~
8 ~~REMOVING REDUNDANT PROVISIONS; INCORPORATING DEPARTMENT LICENSING PROGRAMS INTO~~
9 ~~THE ADMINISTRATIVE CHAPTER; CREATING A UNIFORM LICENSING APPLICATION PROCESS;~~
10 ~~REVISING LICENSURE BY ENDORSEMENT AND CHANGING TERMINOLOGY; REDUCING TIMELINES~~
11 ~~AND REVISING PROVISIONS TO ISSUE LICENSES; REVISING AND CREATING UNIFORM DUTY OF~~
12 ~~LICENSEE AND LICENSE APPLICANT TO SELF-REPORT AND REPORT UNPROFESSIONAL CONDUCT~~
13 ~~OF OTHERS; REVISING UNIFORM FINGERPRINTING PROCESS FOR CERTAIN APPLICANTS; REVISING~~
14 ~~AND CREATING UNIFORM STANDARDS FOR MENTAL AND PHYSICAL EVALUATIONS; REVISING AND~~
15 ~~CREATING UNIFORM DUTY TO PROVIDE CONTACT INFORMATION; PROVIDING NOTICE OF PRIMARY~~
16 ~~METHOD OF COMMUNICATION; PROVIDING AUTHORITY TO CONSENT TO NOTICE BY ELECTRONIC~~
17 ~~PROCESS; REVISING PROVISIONS FOR LICENSE RENEWAL, LAPSE, TERMINATION, AND~~
18 ~~CONTINUING JURISDICTION; REVISING TEMPORARY LICENSURE TERMINOLOGY AND CREATING A~~
19 ~~PROVISIONAL LICENSE AND LIMITED PRACTICE REGISTRATION; ESTABLISHING A MILITARY SPOUSE~~
20 ~~TEMPORARY LICENSE; REVISING MILITARY PERSONNEL EXEMPTIONS; REVISING CONTINUING~~
21 ~~EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS; REVISING DUTIES OF THE COMMISSIONER OF THE DEPARTMENT OF~~
22 ~~LABOR AND INDUSTRY; REVISING DUTIES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND INDUSTRY~~
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5 ~~37-73-225, 37-73-226, AND 37-73-227, MCA."~~

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7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

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(Refer to Introduced Bill)

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Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert:

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12 **NEW SECTION. Section 1. Military spouse temporary license.** (1) A spouse of an active member
13 serving in the United States armed forces stationed in Montana under military orders who is licensed in good
14 standing in another state or United States territory to practice a profession or occupation regulated by the
15 department is, on application to the department, entitled to receive a temporary license to practice.

16 (2) The department shall waive the application fee.

17 (3) A temporary license issued under this section has a term of 3 years after the date of issuance
18 and may not be renewed. The provisions of 37-1-141 do not apply to this section.

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20 **NEW SECTION. Section 2. Activated military personnel exemptions.** (1) Upon notice and proof of
21 deployment as described in this subsection, the department shall exempt licensees who deployed to federal
22 funded active duty as military personnel for more than 90 consecutive days from:

23 (a) the payment of any license renewal or late renewal fees; and

24 (b) any continuing education or certification requirements or audits for a renewal cycle that falls
25 within the period of active duty and within the 6 months following active duty.

26 (2) If a license in subsection (1) terminates as provided in 37-1-141, the board or program may
27 impose reasonable conditions to demonstrate competency as a condition to reactivate the license upon notice
28 and opportunity for a hearing pursuant to 37-1-309.

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SECTION 3. SECTION 37-1-145, MCA, IS AMENDED TO READ:

**"37-1-145. Military training or experience to satisfy licensing or certification requirements --
rulemaking.** (1) ~~Each licensing board or the department on behalf of a program shall adopt rules that provide that certification or licensure requirements established by that board or program may be met by relevant military training, service, or education completed by an individual as a member of the armed forces or reserves of the United States, the national guard of a state, or the military reserves.~~

~~(2) (a) An applicant for certification or licensure shall provide to the board or, if applying for licensure by a program, to the department satisfactory evidence, as specified in rule, of receiving military training, service, or education that is equivalent to relevant certification or licensure requirements.~~

~~(b) The department and each licensing Each board and program shall, upon presentation of satisfactory evidence by an applicant for ~~certification or licensure~~, accept relevant education, training, or service completed by an individual as a member of in the armed forces or reserves of the United States, or the national guard of a state, or the military reserves, or naval militia of a state toward the qualifications to receive the license or certification."~~

NEW SECTION. Section 4. Codification instruction. (1) [Section 1] is intended to be codified as an integral part of Title 37, chapter 1, and the provisions of Title 37, chapter 1, apply to [section 1].

(2) [Section 2] is intended to be codified as an integral part of Title 37, chapter 1, part 1, and the provisions of Title 37, chapter 1, part 1, apply to [section 2].

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