

Act No. 177 (H.681). Professions and occupations; veterans and military service members; licensure; emergency medical services

An act relating to the professional regulation for veterans, military service members, and military spouses

This act requires most professional regulatory entities in the State to grant to certain veterans, military service members, and military spouses an expedited temporary license by endorsement to practice an occupation or profession for a limited period of time pending permanent licensure based on the applicant's licensure in another State or, in the case of EMS providers, based on national certification.

The act also requires those professional regulatory entities to give to those veterans or service members credit for their relevant military experience, training, and education when considering their qualifications for licensure. In regard to renewal of licensure, the act provides that those veterans and service members are not required to pay a penalty for a late licensure renewal if the late renewal is a direct result of military deployment. The act also allows them to be eligible for renewal despite not meeting competency requirements due to being deployed, with the regulatory entities providing a reasonable amount of time to complete those requirements after renewal. Special provisions for renewal apply to EMS providers.

Finally, the act allows a qualified veteran or service member to return from deployment to his or her same emergency medical provider position at the same rate of compensation once licensure is renewed, so long as all other requirements for employment are met.

Multiple effective dates, beginning on June 9, 2014