AMENDED

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Introduced by Reps. J.E. Smith, Hayes, D.C. Moss and Sandifer

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**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 40‑1‑77 SO AS TO PROVIDE A BOARD OR COMMISSION THAT REGULATES THE LICENSURE OF A PROFESSION OR OCCUPATION UNDER TITLE 40 MAY ISSUE A TEMPORARY LICENSE FOR A PROFESSION OR OCCUPATION IT REGULATES TO THE SPOUSE OF AN ACTIVE DUTY MEMBER OF THE UNITED STATES ARMED FORCES IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES, TO PROVIDE REQUIREMENTS FOR OBTAINING THIS LICENSE, AND TO PROVIDE TIME LIMITS ON THE VALIDITY OF THIS LICENSE.

Amend Title To Conform

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of South Carolina:

SECTION 1. Article 1, Chapter 1, Title 40 of the 1976 Code is amended by adding:

“Section 40‑1‑77. (A) A board or commission that regulates the licensure of a profession or occupation under Title 40 may issue a temporary professional license, notwithstanding any language to the contrary in the board or commission’s licensing act, for a profession or occupation it regulates, to the spouse of an active duty member of the United States Armed Forces if the member is assigned to a duty station in this State pursuant to the official active duty military orders of the member.

(B)(1) A person seeking a temporary professional license under subsection (A) shall submit an application to the board or commission from which it is seeking the temporary license on forms the board or commission shall create and provide. In addition to general personal information about the applicant, the application must include proof that:

(a) the applicant is married to a member of the United States Armed Forces who is on active duty;

(b) the applicant holds a valid license in good standing issued by another state, the District of Columbia, a possession or territory of the United States, or a foreign jurisdiction for the profession for which temporary licensure is sought; and

(c) the spouse of the applicant is assigned to a duty station in this State pursuant to the official active duty military orders of the member.

(2) If a board or commission’s licensing act to which the application for a temporary licensure is made requires a fingerprint‑base background check, the applicant must submit the results of a recent fingerprint‑based background check, taken at the applicant’s expense.

(3) The board or commission may charge a fee for the processing of this application as provided by regulation.

(4) Persons licensed pursuant to this section must comply with the continuing education requirements as otherwise set forth by statute.

(C) A temporary license issued under this section expires one year from the date of issue and may be renewed by the board or commission.”

SECTION 2. This act takes effect upon approval by the Governor.

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