

1 AN ACT concerning State government.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**  
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Civil Administrative Code of Illinois is  
5 amended by changing Section 5-715 as follows:

6 (20 ILCS 5/5-715)

7 Sec. 5-715. Expedited licensure for service members and  
8 spouses.

9 (a) In this Section, "service member" means any person  
10 who, at the time of application under this Section, is an  
11 active duty member of the United States Armed Forces or any  
12 reserve component of the United States Armed Forces, the Coast  
13 Guard, or the National Guard of any state, commonwealth, or  
14 territory of the United States or the District of Columbia or  
15 whose active duty service concluded within the preceding 2  
16 years before application.

17 (a-5) The Department of Financial and Professional  
18 Regulation shall within 180 days after January 1, 2020 (the  
19 effective date of Public Act 101-240) designate one staff  
20 member as the military liaison within the Department of  
21 Financial and Professional Regulation to ensure proper  
22 enactment of the requirements of this Section. The military  
23 liaison's responsibilities shall also include, but are not

1 limited to: (1) the management of all expedited applications  
2 to ensure processing within 30 days after receipt of a  
3 completed application, including notification of federal  
4 assistance programs available to reimburse costs associated  
5 with applicable licensing fees and professional credentials  
6 for service members and their families pursuant to Section 556  
7 of Public Law 115-91, or any related federal program; (2)  
8 coordination with all military installation military and  
9 family support center directors within this State, including  
10 virtual, phone, or in-person periodic meetings with each  
11 military installation military and family support center; and  
12 (3) training by the military liaison to all directors of each  
13 division that issues an occupational or professional license  
14 to ensure proper application of this Section. At the end of  
15 each calendar year, the military liaison shall provide an  
16 annual report documenting the expedited licensure program for  
17 service members and spouses, and shall deliver that report to  
18 the Secretary of Financial and Professional Regulation and the  
19 Lieutenant Governor.

20 (b) Each director of a department that issues an  
21 occupational or professional license is authorized to and  
22 shall issue an expedited license to a service member who meets  
23 the requirements under this Section. Review and determination  
24 of an application for a license issued by the department shall  
25 be expedited by the department within 30 days after the date on  
26 which the department receives all necessary documentation

1 required for licensure, including any required information  
2 from State and federal agencies. An expedited license shall be  
3 issued by the department to any service members meeting the  
4 application requirements of this Section, regardless of  
5 whether the service member currently resides in this State.  
6 The service member shall apply to the department on forms  
7 provided by the department. An application must include proof  
8 that:

9 (1) the applicant is a service member;

10 (2) the applicant holds a valid license in good  
11 standing for the occupation or profession issued by  
12 another state, commonwealth, possession, or territory of  
13 the United States, the District of Columbia, or any  
14 foreign jurisdiction;

15 (2.5) the applicant meets the requirements and  
16 standards for licensure through endorsement or reciprocity  
17 for the occupation or profession for which the applicant  
18 is applying;

19 (3) the applicant is assigned to a duty station in  
20 this State, has established legal residence in this State,  
21 or will reside in this State within 6 months after the date  
22 of application for licensure;

23 (4) a complete set of the applicant's fingerprints has  
24 been submitted to the Illinois State Police for statewide  
25 and national criminal history checks, if applicable to the  
26 requirements of the department issuing the license; the

1 applicant shall pay the fee to the Illinois State Police  
2 or to the fingerprint vendor for electronic fingerprint  
3 processing; no temporary occupational or professional  
4 license shall be issued to an applicant if the statewide  
5 or national criminal history check discloses information  
6 that would cause the denial of an application for  
7 licensure under any applicable occupational or  
8 professional licensing Act;

9 (5) the applicant is not ineligible for licensure  
10 pursuant to Section 2105-165 of the Civil Administrative  
11 Code of Illinois;

12 (6) the applicant has submitted an application for  
13 full licensure; and

14 (7) the applicant has paid the required fee; fees  
15 shall not be refundable.

16 (c) Each director of a department that issues an  
17 occupational or professional license is authorized to and  
18 shall issue an expedited license to the spouse of a service  
19 member who meets the requirements under this Section. Review  
20 and determination of an application for a license shall be  
21 expedited by the department within 30 days after the date on  
22 which the department receives all necessary documentation  
23 required for licensure, including information from State and  
24 federal agencies. An expedited license shall be issued by the  
25 department to any spouse of a service member meeting the  
26 application requirements of this Section, regardless of

1 whether the spouse or the service member currently resides in  
2 this State. The spouse of a service member shall apply to the  
3 department on forms provided by the department. An application  
4 must include proof that:

5 (1) the applicant is the spouse of a service member;

6 (2) the applicant holds a valid license in good  
7 standing for the occupation or profession issued by  
8 another state, commonwealth, possession, or territory of  
9 the United States, the District of Columbia, or any  
10 foreign jurisdiction;

11 (2.5) the applicant meets the requirements and  
12 standards for licensure through endorsement or reciprocity  
13 for the occupation or profession for which the applicant  
14 is applying;

15 (3) the applicant's spouse is assigned to a duty  
16 station in this State, has established legal residence in  
17 this State, or will reside in this State within 6 months  
18 after the date of application for licensure;

19 (4) a complete set of the applicant's fingerprints has  
20 been submitted to the Illinois State Police for statewide  
21 and national criminal history checks, if applicable to the  
22 requirements of the department issuing the license; the  
23 applicant shall pay the fee to the Illinois State Police  
24 or to the fingerprint vendor for electronic fingerprint  
25 processing; no temporary occupational or professional  
26 license shall be issued to an applicant if the statewide

1 or national criminal history check discloses information  
2 that would cause the denial of an application for  
3 licensure under any applicable occupational or  
4 professional licensing Act;

5 (5) the applicant is not ineligible for licensure  
6 pursuant to Section 2105-165 of the Civil Administrative  
7 Code of Illinois;

8 (6) the applicant has submitted an application for  
9 full licensure; and

10 (7) the applicant has paid the required fee; fees  
11 shall not be refundable.

12 (c-5) If a service member or his or her spouse relocates  
13 from this State, he or she shall be provided an opportunity to  
14 place his or her license in inactive status through  
15 coordination with the military liaison. If the service member  
16 or his or her spouse returns to this State, he or she may  
17 reactivate the license in accordance with the statutory  
18 provisions regulating the profession and any applicable  
19 administrative rules. The license reactivation shall be  
20 expedited and completed within 30 days after receipt of a  
21 completed application to reactivate the license. A license  
22 reactivation is only applicable when the valid license for  
23 which the first issuance of a license was predicated is still  
24 valid and in good standing. An application to reactivate a  
25 license must include proof that the applicant still holds a  
26 valid license in good standing for the occupation or

1 profession issued in another State, commonwealth, possession,  
2 or territory of the United States, the District of Columbia,  
3 or any foreign jurisdiction.

4 (d) All relevant experience of a service member or his or  
5 her spouse in the discharge of official duties, including  
6 full-time and part-time experience, shall be credited in the  
7 calculation of any years of practice in an occupation or  
8 profession as may be required under any applicable  
9 occupational or professional licensing Act. All relevant  
10 training provided by the military and completed by a service  
11 member shall be credited to that service member as meeting any  
12 training or education requirement under any applicable  
13 occupational or professional licensing Act, provided that the  
14 training or education is determined by the department to meet  
15 the requirements under any applicable Act and is not otherwise  
16 contrary to any other licensure requirement.

17 (e) A department may adopt any rules necessary for the  
18 implementation and administration of this Section and shall by  
19 rule provide for fees for the administration of this Section.

20 (Source: P.A. 101-240, eff. 1-1-20; 102-384, eff. 1-1-22;  
21 102-538, eff. 8-20-21; 102-813, eff. 5-13-22.)

22 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon  
23 becoming law.