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Bill Number: S. 0455 Signed by Governor on May 26, 2020
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Subject: Professional Licenses, Temporary
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Fiscal Impact Summary

This bill requires licensing agencies to issue a professional license to a spouse of an active duty member of the United States Armed Forces assigned to a duty station in this state, provided that the spouse possesses a license issued by another state with similar certification requirements. The Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation (LLR) is responsible for the licensure of many professions and occupations in the state. Because this bill codifies the previous regulatory practices of the agency, this bill will have no expenditure or revenue impact on LLR.

The Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC) is responsible for the certification of radiation health professionals, athletic trainers, and emergency medical technicians (EMTs). These certifications require the candidate to pass a national exam. In addition, DHEC offers licensure reciprocity with other states for all three of these occupations. For these reasons, we anticipate that this bill will have no expenditure or revenue impact on DHEC.

This bill will affect the issuance of licenses by the Department of Insurance (DOI) for insurance producers. However, as the issuance of such licenses is within the normal course of business for DOI, we anticipate that this bill will have no revenue or expenditure impact on the agency.

The Office of Regulatory Staff (ORS) is responsible for regulating certain motor carrier activity. However, the certificates issued by ORS are not related to occupational certifications or professional licenses. Therefore, this bill will have no expenditure or revenue impact on ORS.

Explanation of Fiscal Impact

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State Expenditure

This bill requires licensing agencies to issue a professional license to a spouse of an active duty member of the United States Armed Forces assigned to a duty station in this state. The spouse must be married to and living with the member, and hold a valid license or certificate in good standing issued by another state. The issuing state's certification requirements must meet or exceed the current issuing requirements of this state. In addition, this bill requires licensing agencies to apply education, training, and professional experience completed by a member of the Armed Forces or Reserves of the United States toward satisfying the licensure or certification qualifications. This stipulation applies to members of reserve forces of any state.

Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation. LLR is responsible for all professional and occupation licenses and certifications issued pursuant to Title 40. LLR reports that this bill codifies previous agency practices. Therefore, this bill will have no expenditure impact on LLR or its regulatory boards.

LLR has been tracking military spouse requests since October 2018. Between October 2018 and July 2019, the agency received twenty-four military spouse inquiries. Of this total, thirteen people inquired but did not apply for a license, three temporary professional licenses were issued, six permanent professional licenses were issued, and two permanent license applications were currently in process in July 2019.

Department of Health and Environmental Control. DHEC is responsible for the certification of radiation health professionals, athletic trainers, and emergency medical technicians (EMTs). All of these certifications require the candidate to pass a national exam. Surrounding states also require the successful completion of the same national examination for certification as an EMT or athletic trainer. In addition, DHEC offers licensure reciprocity with other states for all three of these occupations. For these reasons, we anticipate that this bill will not affect the number of applications received by the agency. Therefore, this bill will have no expenditure impact on DHEC.

Department of Insurance. DOI is responsible for licensing individuals who perform insurance transactions in this state. DOI offers licensure reciprocity for insurance brokers and producers in addition to offering nonresident licenses. Because it does not materially alter the regulatory practices of the agency, this bill will have no expenditure impact on DOI.

Office of Regulatory Staff. Motor vehicle carriers are required to obtain certification from ORS. However, ORS reports that these certifications are not related to occupational or professional licensure. Therefore, this bill will have no expenditure impact on ORS.

State Revenue

This bill requires licensing agencies to issue a professional license to the spouses of an active duty member of the United States Armed Forces assigned to a duty station in this state. The spouse must be married to and living with the member, and hold a valid license or certificate in good standing issued by another state. The issuing state's certification requirements must meet or exceed the current issuing requirements of this state. In addition, this bill requires licensing agencies to apply education, training, and professional experience completed by a member of the Armed Forces or Reserves of the United States toward satisfying the qualifications of licensure or certification. LLR is currently implementing the requirements of this bill. Therefore, this bill will have no revenue impact on the regulatory boards administered by LLR.

Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation. LLR is responsible for all professional and occupation licenses and certifications issued pursuant to Title 40. This bill codifies previous agency practices. Therefore, this bill will have no revenue impact on LLR or its regulatory boards.

Department of Health and Environmental Control. DHEC is responsible for the certification of radiation health professionals, athletic trainers, and emergency medical technicians (EMTs). All of these certifications require the candidate to pass a national exam. Surrounding states also require the successful completion of the same national examination for certification as an EMT or athletic trainer. In addition, DHEC offers licensure reciprocity with other states for all three of these occupations. For these reasons, we anticipate that this bill will not affect the number of applications received by the agency. Therefore, this bill will have no revenue impact on DHEC.

Department of Insurance. DOI is responsible for licensing individuals who perform insurance transactions in this state. DOI offers licensure reciprocity for insurance brokers and producers in addition to offering nonresident licenses. Because it does not materially alter the regulatory practices of the agency, this bill will have no revenue impact on DOI.

Office of Regulatory Staff. Motor vehicle carriers are required to obtain certification from ORS. However, these certifications are not related to occupational or professional licensure. Therefore, this bill will have no revenue impact on ORS.

Local Expenditure

N/A

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N/A



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