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VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

An Act to amend and reenact the third enactment of Chapter 998 of the Acts of Assembly of 2003, relating to the Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation and the Department of Health Professions; continuing education for certain professional licensees.

[S 573]

Approved

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That the third enactment of Chapter 998 of the Acts of Assembly of 2003 is amended and reenacted as follows:

3. That notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation, the Department of Health Professions, the Supreme Court of Virginia, and local governing bodies shall extend the time allowed to comply with certification or licensure requirements, including those pertaining to the application for or renewal of any license, certificate, registration or authority, until one year after the person's release from active military duty, if the person is on active military duty during 2003 and such extension would not constitute a danger to the public health, safety or welfare. The provisions of this section shall expire on July 1, 2004 no license, permit, certificate, or other document, however styled or denominated, that is related to the practice of any business, profession, or calling and issued under Title 54.1 to any citizen of the Commonwealth shall be held to have expired, and no requirements pertaining to the renewal or maintenance of such license, permit, certificate, or other document shall have to be met, during the period of such person's service outside of the United States in the armed services of the United States and 60 days thereafter. No extension granted under this section, however, shall exceed five years from the date of expiration of the document.

For the purposes of this enactment "service in the armed services of the United States" includes active duty service with the regular Armed Forces of the United States or the National Guard or other reserve component.