

1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 An Act to amend the Code of Virginia by adding in Chapter 1 of Title 54.1 a section numbered
3 54.1-118, relating to professions and occupations; expediting the issuance of licenses and the
4 issuance of temporary licenses for spouses of military service members.

5 [H 937]

6 Approved

7 **Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**

8 **1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding in Chapter 1 of Title 54.1 a section numbered**
9 **54.1-118 as follows:**

10 § 54.1-118. *Expediting the issuance of licenses, etc., to spouses of military service members; issuance*
11 *of temporary licenses, etc.*

12 A. *Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary and unless an applicant is found by the board to*
13 *have engaged in any act that would constitute grounds for disciplinary action, a regulatory board within*
14 *the Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation or the Department of Health Professions*
15 *or any other board named in this title shall expedite the issuance of a license, permit, certificate, or*
16 *other document, however styled or denominated, required for the practice of any business, profession, or*
17 *occupation in the Commonwealth to an applicant whose application has been deemed complete by the*
18 *board and (i) who holds the same or similar license, permit, certificate, or other document required for*
19 *the practice of any business, profession, or occupation issued by another jurisdiction; (ii) whose spouse*
20 *is the subject of a military transfer to the Commonwealth; and (iii) who left employment to accompany*
21 *the applicant's spouse to Virginia, if, in the opinion of the board, the requirements for the issuance of*
22 *the license, permit, certificate, or other document in such other jurisdiction are substantially equivalent*
23 *to those required in the Commonwealth.*

24 B. *If a board is unable to (i) complete the review of the documentation provided by the applicant or*
25 *(ii) make a final determination regarding substantial equivalency within 30 days of the receipt of a*
26 *completed application, the board shall issue a temporary license, permit, or certificate, provided the*
27 *applicant otherwise meets the qualifications set out in subsection A. Any temporary license, permit, or*
28 *certification issued pursuant to this subsection shall be limited for a period not to exceed six months*
29 *and shall authorize the applicant to engage in the profession or occupation while the board completes*
30 *its review of the documentation provided by the applicant or the applicant completes any specific*
31 *requirements that may be required in Virginia that were not required in the jurisdiction in which the*
32 *applicant holds the license, permit, or certificate.*

33 C. *The provisions of this section shall apply regardless of whether a regulatory board has entered*
34 *into a reciprocal agreement with the other jurisdiction pursuant to subsection B of § 54.1-103.*

35 D. *Any regulatory board may require the applicant to provide documentation it deems necessary to*
36 *make a determination of substantial equivalency.*

37 **2. That the provisions of this act shall become effective on July 1, 2012, except that the provisions**
38 **of subsection B of § 54.1-118 added in this act establishing the requirement to issue a temporary**
39 **license, permit, or certification shall become effective on July 1, 2014.**

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