

1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act to amend and reenact § 54.1-119 of the Code of Virginia, relating to professions and*
3 *occupations; expedited review; applications of spouses of military service members.*

4 [H 1247]

5 Approved

6 **Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**7 **1. That § 54.1-119 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:**8 **§ 54.1-119. Expediting the issuance of licenses, etc., to spouses of military service members;**
9 **issuance of temporary licenses, etc.**

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

22 B. (Effective July 1, 2014) If a board is unable to (i) complete the review of the documentation
23 provided by the applicant or (ii) make a final determination regarding substantial equivalency within 30
24 20 days of the receipt of a completed application, the board shall issue a temporary license, permit, or
25 certificate, provided the applicant otherwise meets the qualifications set out in subsection A. Any
26 temporary license, permit, or certification issued pursuant to this subsection shall be limited for a period
27 not to exceed six months and shall authorize the applicant to engage in the profession or occupation
28 while the board completes its review of the documentation provided by the applicant or the applicant
29 completes any specific requirements that may be required in Virginia that were not required in the
30 jurisdiction in which the applicant holds the license, permit, or certificate.

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

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