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To provide for the portability of professional licenses of veterans and their spouses, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. PATRONIS introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Education and Workforce

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Veteran and Spouse
5 Licensing Flexibility Act of 2025”.

6 **SEC. 2. PORTABILITY OF PROFESSIONAL LICENSES OF VET-**
7 **ERANS AND THEIR SPOUSES UPON DIS-**
8 **CHARGE OR RELEASE.**

9 (a) IN GENERAL.—If a veteran or the spouse of a
10 veteran has a covered license and relocates residence with-

1 in 36 months of the veteran's discharge or release date
2 in a State other than the State of the licensing authority
3 that issued the covered license, such covered license shall
4 be considered valid for the scope of practice in the State
5 of the new residence if such veteran or spouse of a veteran
6 submits to the licensing authority of such State an appli-
7 cation described in subsection (c).

8 (b) TEMPORARY LICENSES.—If a licensing authority
9 is required to consider a covered license valid under sub-
10 section (a) but cannot carry out such requirement during
11 the 30 days after receiving an application described in sub-
12 section (c), the licensing authority must issue to the appli-
13 cant a temporary license that confers the same rights,
14 privileges, and responsibilities as a permanent license.

15 (c) APPLICATION.—An application described in this
16 subsection includes the following:

17 (1) A copy of the veteran's DD Form 214, Cer-
18 tificate of Uniformed Service or any superseding
19 form adopted for this same purpose.

20 (2) If the applicant is the spouse of a veteran:

21 (1) a copy of the marriage certificate; (2) and a copy
22 of military orders effectuating the discharge or re-
23 lease of the veteran wherein the spouse is specified
24 on the orders effectuating the discharge or release of
25 the veteran.

1 (3) A notarized affidavit affirming, under the
2 penalty of law, that—

3 (A) the veteran or spouse of a veteran is
4 the person described and identified in the appli-
5 cation;

6 (B) all statements made in the application
7 are true, correct, and complete;

8 (C) the veteran or spouse of a veteran has
9 read and understands the requirements to re-
10 ceive a license, and the scope of practice, of the
11 State of the licensing authority;

12 (D) the veteran or spouse of a veteran cer-
13 tifies that the veteran or spouse of a veteran
14 meets and shall comply with requirements de-
15 scribed in subparagraph (C); and

16 (E) the veteran or spouse of a veteran is
17 in good standing in all States in which the vet-
18 eran or spouse of a veteran holds or has held
19 a license.

20 (d) BACKGROUND CHECKS.—A licensing authority
21 that receives an application described in subsection (c)
22 may conduct a background check of the veteran or spouse
23 of a veteran before carrying out subsection (a) or (b).

24 (e) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

1 (1) The term “Armed Forces” has the meaning
2 given such term in section 101(10) of title 38.

3 (2) The term “covered license” means a profes-
4 sional license that, with respect to a scope of prac-
5 tice—

6 (A) is in good standing with the licensing
7 authority that issued such license;

8 (B) has not been revoked or had discipline
9 imposed by any State;

10 (C) does not have an investigation relating
11 to unprofessional conduct pending in any State
12 relating to it; and

13 (D) has not been voluntarily surrendered
14 while under investigation for unprofessional
15 conduct in any State.

16 (3) The term “discharge or release” includes—

17 (A) retirement from the Armed Forces,
18 and

19 (B) the satisfactory completion of the pe-
20 riod of active Armed Forces service for which a
21 person was obligated at the time of entry into
22 such service in the case of a person who, due
23 to enlistment or reenlistment, was not awarded
24 a discharge or release from such period of serv-
25 ice at the time of such completion thereof and

1 who, at such time, would otherwise have been
2 eligible for the award of a discharge or release
3 under honorable conditions specified on the vet-
4 eran's DD Form 214, Certificate of Uniformed
5 Service or any superseding form adopted for
6 this same purpose.

7 (4) The term "discharge or release date" means
8 the "Separation date this Period" specified on the
9 veteran's DD Form 214, Certificate of Uniformed
10 Service or any superseding form adopted for this
11 same purpose.

12 (5) The term "license" means any license, cer-
13 tificate, or other evidence of qualification that an in-
14 dividual is required to obtain before the individual
15 may engage in, or represent himself or herself to be
16 a member of, a particular profession.

17 (6) The term "licensing authority" means any
18 State board, commission, department, or agency
19 that—

20 (A) is established in the State for the pri-
21 mary purpose of regulating the entry of persons
22 into or the conduct of persons within, a par-
23 ticular profession; and

24 (B) is authorized to issue licenses.

1 (7) The term “scope of practice” means the de-
2 fined parameters of various duties or services that
3 may be provided by an individual under a license.

4 (8) The term “spouse of a veteran” has the
5 meaning given such term in section 101(g)(5) of
6 title 10 provided such spouse is specifically named
7 on the orders effectuating the discharge or release of
8 the veteran from the Armed Forces.

9 (9) The term “veteran” means a person who
10 honorably served in the active Armed Forces and
11 who was discharged or released therefrom as docu-
12 mented on the individual’s DD Form 214, Certifi-
13 cate of Uniformed Service or any superseding form
14 adopted for this same purpose.

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