

1 AN ACT concerning State government.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**  
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Civil Administrative Code of Illinois is  
5 amended by changing Section 5-715 as follows:

6 (20 ILCS 5/5-715)

7 Sec. 5-715. Expedited licensure for service members and  
8 spouses.

9 (a) In this Section, "service member" means any person  
10 who, at the time of application under this Section, is an  
11 active duty member of the United States Armed Forces or any  
12 reserve component of the United States Armed Forces, the Coast  
13 Guard, or the National Guard of any state, commonwealth, or  
14 territory of the United States or the District of Columbia or  
15 whose active duty service concluded within the preceding 2  
16 years before application.

17 (a-5) The Department of Financial and Professional  
18 Regulation shall within 180 days after January 1, 2020 (the  
19 effective date of Public Act 101-240) ~~the effective date of~~  
20 ~~this amendatory Act of the 101st General Assembly~~ designate  
21 one staff member as the military liaison within the Department  
22 of Financial and Professional Regulation to ensure proper  
23 enactment of the requirements of this Section. The military

1 liaison's responsibilities shall also include, but are not  
2 limited to: (1) the management of all expedited applications  
3 to ensure processing within 30 ~~60~~ days after receipt of a  
4 completed application; (2) coordination with all military  
5 installation military and family support center directors  
6 within this State, including virtual, phone, or in-person  
7 periodic meetings with each military installation military and  
8 family support center; and (3) training by the military  
9 liaison to all directors of each division that issues an  
10 occupational or professional license to ensure proper  
11 application of this Section. ~~At Beginning in 2020, and at the~~  
12 ~~end of each calendar year thereafter,~~ the military liaison  
13 shall provide an annual report documenting the expedited  
14 licensure program for service members and spouses, and shall  
15 deliver that report to the Secretary of Financial and  
16 Professional Regulation and the Lieutenant Governor.

17 (b) Each director of a department that issues an  
18 occupational or professional license is authorized to and  
19 shall issue an expedited license to a service member who meets  
20 the requirements under this Section. Review and determination  
21 of an application for a license issued by the department shall  
22 be expedited by the department within 30 ~~60~~ days after the date  
23 on which the ~~applicant provides the~~ department receives with  
24 all necessary documentation required for licensure, including  
25 any required information from State and federal agencies. An  
26 expedited license shall be issued by the department to any

1 service members meeting the application requirements of this  
2 Section, regardless of whether the service member currently  
3 resides in this State. The service member shall apply to the  
4 department on forms provided by the department. An application  
5 must include proof that:

6 (1) the applicant is a service member;

7 (2) the applicant holds a valid license in good  
8 standing for the occupation or profession issued by  
9 another state, commonwealth, possession, or territory of  
10 the United States, the District of Columbia, or any  
11 foreign jurisdiction ~~and the requirements for licensure in  
12 the other jurisdiction are determined by the department to  
13 be substantially equivalent to the standards for licensure  
14 of this State;~~

15 (2.5) the applicant meets the requirements and  
16 standards for licensure through endorsement or reciprocity  
17 for the occupation or profession for which the applicant  
18 is applying;

19 (3) the applicant is assigned to a duty station in  
20 this State, has established legal residence in this State,  
21 or will reside in this State within 6 months after the date  
22 of application for licensure;

23 (4) a complete set of the applicant's fingerprints has  
24 been submitted to the Department of State Police for  
25 statewide and national criminal history checks, if  
26 applicable to the requirements of the department issuing

1 the license; the applicant shall pay the fee to the  
2 Department of State Police or to the fingerprint vendor  
3 for electronic fingerprint processing; no temporary  
4 occupational or professional license shall be issued to an  
5 applicant if the statewide or national criminal history  
6 check discloses information that would cause the denial of  
7 an application for licensure under any applicable  
8 occupational or professional licensing Act;

9 (5) the applicant is not ineligible for licensure  
10 pursuant to Section 2105-165 of the Civil Administrative  
11 Code of Illinois;

12 (6) the applicant has submitted an application for  
13 full licensure; and

14 (7) the applicant has paid the required fee; fees  
15 shall not be refundable.

16 (c) Each director of a department that issues an  
17 occupational or professional license is authorized to and  
18 shall issue an expedited license to the spouse of a service  
19 member who meets the requirements under this Section. Review  
20 and determination of an application for a license shall be  
21 expedited by the department within 30 ~~60~~ days after the date on  
22 which the ~~applicant provides the~~ department receives ~~with~~ all  
23 necessary documentation required for licensure, including  
24 information from State and federal agencies. An expedited  
25 license shall be issued by the department to any spouse of a  
26 service member meeting the application requirements of this

1 Section, regardless of whether the spouse or the service  
2 member currently reside in this State. The spouse of a service  
3 member shall apply to the department on forms provided by the  
4 department. An application must include proof that:

5 (1) the applicant is the spouse of a service member;

6 (2) the applicant holds a valid license in good  
7 standing for the occupation or profession issued by  
8 another state, commonwealth, possession, or territory of  
9 the United States, the District of Columbia, or any  
10 foreign jurisdiction ~~and the requirements for licensure in  
11 the other jurisdiction are determined by the department to  
12 be substantially equivalent to the standards for licensure  
13 of this State;~~

14 (2.5) the applicant meets the requirements and  
15 standards for licensure through endorsement or reciprocity  
16 for the occupation or profession for which the applicant  
17 is applying;

18 (3) the applicant's spouse is assigned to a duty  
19 station in this State, has established legal residence in  
20 this State, or will reside in this State within 6 months  
21 after the date of application for licensure;

22 (4) a complete set of the applicant's fingerprints has  
23 been submitted to the Department of State Police for  
24 statewide and national criminal history checks, if  
25 applicable to the requirements of the department issuing  
26 the license; the applicant shall pay the fee to the

1 Department of State Police or to the fingerprint vendor  
2 for electronic fingerprint processing; no temporary  
3 occupational or professional license shall be issued to an  
4 applicant if the statewide or national criminal history  
5 check discloses information that would cause the denial of  
6 an application for licensure under any applicable  
7 occupational or professional licensing Act;

8 (5) the applicant is not ineligible for licensure  
9 pursuant to Section 2105-165 of the Civil Administrative  
10 Code of Illinois;

11 (6) the applicant has submitted an application for  
12 full licensure; and

13 (7) the applicant has paid the required fee; fees  
14 shall not be refundable.

15 (c-5) If a service member or his or her spouse relocates  
16 from this State, he or she shall be provided an opportunity to  
17 place his or her license in inactive status through  
18 coordination with the military liaison. If the service member  
19 or his or her spouse returns to this State, he or she may  
20 reactivate the license in accordance with the statutory  
21 provisions regulating the profession and any applicable  
22 administrative rules. The license reactivation shall be  
23 expedited and completed within 30 days after receipt of a  
24 completed application to reactivate the license. A license  
25 reactivation is only applicable when the valid license for  
26 which the first issuance of a license was predicated is still

1 valid and in good standing. An application to reactivate a  
2 license must include proof that the applicant still holds a  
3 valid license in good standing for the occupation or  
4 profession issued in another State, commonwealth, possession,  
5 or territory of the United States, the District of Columbia,  
6 or any foreign jurisdiction.

7 (d) All relevant experience of a service member or his or  
8 her spouse in the discharge of official duties, including  
9 full-time and part-time experience, shall be credited in the  
10 calculation of any years of practice in an occupation or  
11 profession as may be required under any applicable  
12 occupational or professional licensing Act. All relevant  
13 training provided by the military and completed by a service  
14 member shall be credited to that service member as meeting any  
15 training or education requirement under any applicable  
16 occupational or professional licensing Act, provided that the  
17 training or education is determined by the department to meet  
18 the requirements ~~be substantially equivalent to that required~~  
19 under any applicable Act and is not otherwise contrary to any  
20 other licensure requirement.

21 (e) A department may adopt any rules necessary for the  
22 implementation and administration of this Section and shall by  
23 rule provide for fees for the administration of this Section.

24 (Source: P.A. 101-240, eff. 1-1-20.)