



## 102ND GENERAL ASSEMBLY

### State of Illinois

2021 and 2022

SB2902

Introduced 5/19/2021, by Sen. Rachelle Crowe

#### SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

20 ILCS 5/5-715

Amends the Departments of State Government Law of the Civil Administrative Code of Illinois. In provisions concerning expedited licensure for service members and spouses, provides that each director of a department that issues an occupational or professional license is authorized to and shall issue a temporary provisional license to any qualified service member or spouse thereof during the expedited 60-day license application review period. Provides that a provisional license shall be issued by the department to any qualified service member or spouse thereof meeting the specified application requirements during the application review period regardless of whether the service member or the spouse currently resides in this State.

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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 the effective date of  
19 this amendatory Act of the 101st General Assembly designate  
20 one staff member as the military liaison within the Department  
21 of Financial and Professional Regulation to ensure proper  
22 enactment of the requirements of this Section. The military  
23 liaison's responsibilities shall also include, but are not

1 limited to: (1) the management of all expedited applications  
2 to ensure processing within 60 days after receipt of a  
3 completed application; (2) coordination with all military  
4 installation military and family support center directors  
5 within this State, including virtual, phone, or in-person  
6 periodic meetings with each military installation military and  
7 family support center; and (3) training by the military  
8 liaison to all directors of each division that issues an  
9 occupational or professional license to ensure proper  
10 application of this Section. Beginning in 2020, and at the end  
11 of each calendar year thereafter, the military liaison shall  
12 provide an annual report documenting the expedited licensure  
13 program for service members and spouses, and shall deliver  
14 that report to the Secretary of Financial and Professional  
15 Regulation and the Lieutenant Governor.

16 (b) Each director of a department that issues an  
17 occupational or professional license is authorized to and  
18 shall issue an expedited license to a service member who meets  
19 the requirements under this Section. Review and determination  
20 of an application for a license issued by the department shall  
21 be expedited by the department within 60 days after the date on  
22 which the applicant provides the department with all necessary  
23 documentation required for licensure. An expedited license  
24 shall be issued by the department to any service members  
25 meeting the application requirements of this Section,  
26 regardless of whether the service member currently resides in

1 this State. The service member shall apply to the department  
2 on forms provided by the department. An application must  
3 include proof that:

4 (1) the applicant is a service member;

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

13 (3) the applicant is assigned to a duty station in  
14 this State, has established legal residence in this State,  
15 or will reside in this State within 6 months after the date  
16 of application;

17 (4) a complete set of the applicant's fingerprints has  
18 been submitted to the Department of State Police for  
19 statewide and national criminal history checks, if  
20 applicable to the requirements of the department issuing  
21 the license; the applicant shall pay the fee to the  
22 Department of State Police or to the fingerprint vendor  
23 for electronic fingerprint processing; no temporary  
24 occupational or professional license shall be issued to an  
25 applicant if the statewide or national criminal history  
26 check discloses information that would cause the denial of

1 an application for licensure under any applicable  
2 occupational or professional licensing Act;

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

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

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

10 (c) Each director of a department that issues an  
11 occupational or professional license is authorized to and  
12 shall issue an expedited license to the spouse of a service  
13 member who meets the requirements under this Section. Review  
14 and determination of an application for a license shall be  
15 expedited by the department within 60 days after the date on  
16 which the applicant provides the department with all necessary  
17 documentation required for licensure. An expedited license  
18 shall be issued by the department to any spouse of a service  
19 member meeting the application requirements of this Section,  
20 regardless of whether the spouse or the service member  
21 currently reside in this State. The spouse of a service member  
22 shall apply to the department on forms provided by the  
23 department. An application must include proof that:

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

25 (2) the applicant holds a valid license in good  
26 standing for the occupation or profession issued by

1 another state, commonwealth, possession, or territory of  
2 the United States, the District of Columbia, or any  
3 foreign jurisdiction and the requirements for licensure in  
4 the other jurisdiction are determined by the department to  
5 be substantially equivalent to the standards for licensure  
6 of this State;

7 (3) the applicant's spouse is assigned to a duty  
8 station in this State, has established legal residence in  
9 this State, or will reside in this State within 6 months  
10 after the date of application;

11 (4) a complete set of the applicant's fingerprints has  
12 been submitted to the Department of State Police for  
13 statewide and national criminal history checks, if  
14 applicable to the requirements of the department issuing  
15 the license; the applicant shall pay the fee to the  
16 Department of State Police or to the fingerprint vendor  
17 for electronic fingerprint processing; no temporary  
18 occupational or professional license shall be issued to an  
19 applicant if the statewide or national criminal history  
20 check discloses information that would cause the denial of  
21 an application for licensure under any applicable  
22 occupational or professional licensing Act;

23 (5) the applicant is not ineligible for licensure  
24 pursuant to Section 2105-165 of the Civil Administrative  
25 Code of Illinois;

26 (6) the applicant has submitted an application for

1 full licensure; and

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

4 (c-3) Each director of a department that issues an  
5 occupational or professional license is authorized to and  
6 shall issue a temporary provisional license to any qualified  
7 service member or spouse thereof during the expedited 60-day  
8 application review period as provided under subsections (b)  
9 and (c). A provisional license shall be issued by the  
10 department to any qualified service member or spouse thereof  
11 meeting the application requirements under subsections (b) and  
12 (c) during the application review period regardless of whether  
13 the service member or the spouse currently resides in this  
14 State.

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 be  
18 substantially equivalent to that required under any applicable  
19 Act and is not otherwise contrary to any other licensure  
20 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.)