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Introduced 2/15/2012, by Rep. Robert W. Pritchard

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

20 ILCS 5/5-715 new
20 ILCS 2905/5 new
105 ILCS 5/21-11.1

from Ch. 122, par. 21-11.1

Amends the Civil Administrative Code of Illinois and the State Fire Marshal Act. Provides that each director of a department that issues an occupational or professional license and the State Fire Marshal are authorized to issue an expedited temporary occupational or professional license to a service member and the spouse of an active duty member of the Armed Forces of the United States. Provides that the temporary occupational or professional license shall be valid for 6 months after the date of issuance. Sets forth application requirements. Amends the School Code. Excludes service members and spouses of active duty members of the Armed Forces of the United States from the additional requirement that after January 1, 1988, an applicant for a corresponding teaching certificate in this State also shall be required to pass certain examinations.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT
MAY APPLY

A BILL FOR

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 adding Section 5-715 as follows:

6 (20 ILCS 5/5-715 new)

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

9 (a) In this Section, "service member" means any person who
10 serves or has served in the United States Armed Forces or any
11 reserve component of the United States Armed Forces or the
12 National Guard of any state, commonwealth, or territory of the
13 United States or the District of Columbia.

14 (b) Each director of a department that issues an
15 occupational or professional license is authorized to issue an
16 expedited temporary occupational or professional license to a
17 service member. The temporary occupational or professional
18 license shall be valid for 6 months after the date of issuance.
19 The service member shall apply to the department in the format
20 prescribed by the department. An application must include proof
21 that:

22 (1) the applicant is a service member;

23 (2) the applicant holds a valid license for the

1 occupation or profession issued by another state,
2 commonwealth, possession, or territory of the United
3 States, the District of Columbia, or any foreign
4 jurisdiction;

5 (3) the applicant is assigned to a duty station in this
6 State or has established legal residence in this State; and

7 (4) a complete set of the applicant's fingerprints has
8 been submitted to the Department of State Police for
9 statewide and national criminal history checks.

10 (c) Each director of a department that issues an
11 occupational or professional license is authorized to issue an
12 expedited temporary occupational or professional license to
13 the spouse of an active duty member of the Armed Forces of the
14 United States. The temporary occupational or professional
15 license shall be valid for 6 months after the date of issuance.
16 The active duty member spouse shall apply to the department in
17 the format prescribed by the department. An application must
18 include proof that:

19 (1) the applicant is married to a service member;

20 (2) the applicant holds a valid license for the
21 occupation or profession issued by another state,
22 commonwealth, possession, or territory of the United
23 States, the District of Columbia, or any foreign
24 jurisdiction;

25 (3) the applicant's spouse is assigned to a duty
26 station in this State or has established legal residence in

1 this State; and

2 (4) a complete set of the applicant's fingerprints has
3 been submitted to the Department of State Police for
4 statewide and national criminal history checks.

5 (d) A department may adopt any rules necessary for the
6 implementation and administration of this Section.

7 Section 10. The State Fire Marshal Act is amended by adding
8 Section 5 as follows:

9 (20 ILCS 2905/5 new)

10 Sec. 5. Expedited temporary licensure for service members
11 and spouses.

12 (a) In this Section, "service member" means any person who
13 serves or has served in the United States Armed Forces or any
14 reserve component of the United States Armed Forces or the
15 National Guard of any state, commonwealth, or territory of the
16 United States or the District of Columbia.

17 (b) The State Fire Marshal is authorized to issue an
18 expedited temporary occupational or professional license to a
19 service member. The temporary occupational or professional
20 license shall be valid for 6 months after the date of issuance.
21 The service member shall apply to the Office in the format
22 prescribed by the Office. An application must include proof
23 that:

24 (1) the applicant is a service member;

1 (2) the applicant holds a valid license for the
2 occupation or profession issued by another state,
3 commonwealth, possession, or territory of the United
4 States, the District of Columbia, or any foreign
5 jurisdiction;

6 (3) the applicant is assigned to a duty station in this
7 State or has established legal residence in this State; and

8 (4) a complete set of the applicant's fingerprints has
9 been submitted to the Department of State Police for
10 statewide and national criminal history checks.

11 (c) The State Fire Marshal is authorized to issue an
12 expedited temporary occupational or professional license to
13 the spouse of an active duty member of the Armed Forces of the
14 United States. The temporary occupational or professional
15 license shall be valid for 6 months after the date of issuance.
16 The active duty member spouse shall apply to the Office in the
17 format prescribed by the Office. An application must include
18 proof that:

19 (1) the applicant is married to a service member;

20 (2) the applicant holds a valid license for the
21 occupation or profession issued by another state,
22 commonwealth, possession, or territory of the United
23 States, the District of Columbia, or any foreign
24 jurisdiction;

25 (3) the applicant's spouse is assigned to a duty
26 station in this State or has established legal residence in

1 this State; and
2 (4) a complete set of the applicant's fingerprints has
3 been submitted to the Department of State Police for
4 statewide and national criminal history checks.
5 (d) The Office may adopt any rules necessary for the
6 implementation and administration of this Section.

7 Section 15. The School Code is amended by changing Section
8 21-11.1 as follows:

9 (105 ILCS 5/21-11.1) (from Ch. 122, par. 21-11.1)

10 (Section scheduled to be repealed on June 30, 2013)

11 Sec. 21-11.1. Certificates for equivalent qualifications.
12 An applicant who holds or is eligible to hold a teacher's
13 certificate or license under the laws of another state or
14 territory of the United States may be granted a corresponding
15 teacher's certificate in Illinois on the written authorization
16 of the State Board of Education and the State Teacher
17 Certification Board upon the following conditions:

18 (1) That the applicant is at least 19 years of age, is
19 of good character, of good health, and a citizen of the
20 United States or legally present and authorized for
21 employment; and

22 (2) That the requirements for a similar teacher's
23 certificate in the particular state or territory were, at
24 the date of issuance of the certificate, substantially

1 equal to the requirements in force at the time the
2 application is made for the certificate in this State.

3 After January 1, 1988, unless the applicant is a service
4 member or the spouse of an active duty member of the Armed
5 Forces of the United States, in addition to satisfying the
6 foregoing conditions and requirements, an applicant for a
7 corresponding teaching certificate in Illinois also shall be
8 required to pass the examinations required under the provisions
9 of Section 21-1a as directed by the State Board of Education.
10 For the purposes of this Section, "service member" means any
11 person who serves or has served in the United States Armed
12 Forces or any reserve component of the United States Armed
13 Forces or the National Guard of any state, commonwealth, or
14 territory of the United States or the District of Columbia.

15 In determining good character under this Section, any
16 felony conviction of the applicant may be taken into
17 consideration, but the conviction shall not operate as a bar to
18 registration.

19 The State Board of Education in consultation with the State
20 Teacher Certification Board shall prescribe rules and
21 regulations establishing the similarity of certificates in
22 other states and the standards for determining the equivalence
23 of requirements.

24 This Section is repealed on June 30, 2013.

25 (Source: P.A. 97-607, eff. 8-26-11.)