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BY: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 230
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in the sponsor line, strike “**Senator Jackson**” and substitute “**Senators Jackson, Hester, and Carozza**”; in line 4, strike “a” and substitute “an expedited”; strike beginning with “prohibiting” in line 6 down through “safety” in line 8 and substitute “requiring each health occupations board to include a check-off box prominently on a license, certification, or registration application form; requiring the Maryland Department of Health to publish prominently certain information on its website”; in line 13, after “1-701” insert “, 1-704, and 1-705”; and in line 18, strike “and 1-702.2”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, in line 6, strike “1 year” and substitute “**3 YEARS**”; in lines 11 and 24, in each instance, strike “**§§ 1-702.1 AND 1-702.2**” and substitute “**§ 1-702.1**”; and in line 15, strike “armed forces of the United States” and substitute “**UNIFORMED SERVICES, AS DEFINED BY 10 U.S.C. § 101**”.

On page 3, in line 3, strike “**§§ 1-702.1 AND 1-702.2**” and substitute “**§ 1-702.1**”.

On page 4, in line 1, strike “AND”; in line 4, after “STANDING” insert “**; AND**”

3. EACH VALID LICENSE, CERTIFICATE, REGISTRATION, OR PERMIT HELD BY THE APPLICANT REQUIRED SUBSTANTIALLY SIMILAR QUALIFICATIONS AS THE LICENSE, CERTIFICATE, REGISTRATION, OR PERMIT FOR WHICH THE APPLICANT HAS APPLIED, AS DETERMINED BY THE HEALTH OCCUPATIONS BOARD”;

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and strike beginning with “1.” in line 14 down through “APPLICATION” in line 17 and substitute “PROOF THAT THE APPLICANT HAS COMPLETED A NATIONAL CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORDS CHECK IN ACCORDANCE WITH REGULATIONS ADOPTED BY THE HEALTH OCCUPATIONS BOARD”.

On page 5, strike in their entirety lines 3 through 21, inclusive, and substitute:

“1-704.

(a) [(1) Each health occupations board shall [develop]:

(1) DEVELOP a procedure by which an individual who applies for a license, certificate, or registration can notify the board that the individual is a service member, veteran, or military spouse[.]; AND

(2) [A health occupations board may satisfy the requirement of paragraph (1) of this subsection by including] INCLUDE a check-off box PROMINENTLY on [a] EACH license, certificate, or registration application form.

(b) For each applicant who is a service member, veteran, or military spouse, a health occupations board shall assign to the applicant an advisor to assist the individual with the application process.

(c) (1) Each health occupations board shall expedite the process for the licensure, certification, or registration of a service member, veteran, or military spouse.

(2) If a service member, veteran, or military spouse meets the requirements for licensure, certification, or registration, a health occupations board shall issue the license, certificate, or registration within 15 business days after receiving a completed application.

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(d) If a health occupations board determines that a service member, veteran, or military spouse does not meet the education, training, or experience requirements for licensure, certification, or registration, a representative of the board shall assist the service member, veteran, or military spouse in identifying:

- (1) Programs that offer relevant education or training; or
- (2) Ways of obtaining needed experience.

(E) ON OR BEFORE JANUARY 1 EACH YEAR, BEGINNING IN 2024, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL REPORT TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 2-1257 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, ON THE PROCESSING OF APPLICATIONS FROM SERVICE MEMBERS, MILITARY SPOUSES, AND VETERANS, INCLUDING, FOR THE IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING 12-MONTH PERIOD:

(1) FOR EACH HEALTH OCCUPATIONS BOARD:

(I) THE NUMBER OF APPLICATIONS RECEIVED FROM SERVICE MEMBERS, MILITARY SPOUSES, AND VETERANS;

(II) THE NUMBER OF APPLICATIONS INCLUDED UNDER ITEM (I) OF THIS ITEM THAT WERE PROCESSED;

(III) THE NUMBER OF APPLICATIONS INCLUDED UNDER ITEM (I) OF THIS ITEM THAT WERE NOT PROCESSED; AND

(IV) FOR THE APPLICATIONS INCLUDED UNDER ITEM (III) OF THIS ITEM, THE REASON WHY PROCESSING WAS DELAYED; AND

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(2) IF A HEALTH OCCUPATIONS BOARD RECEIVED APPLICATIONS FROM SERVICE MEMBERS, MILITARY SPOUSES, AND VETERANS THAT WERE NOT PROCESSED, THE PLAN OF THE HEALTH OCCUPATIONS BOARD TO IMPROVE THE PROCESSING OF APPLICATIONS FROM SERVICE MEMBERS, MILITARY SPOUSES, AND VETERANS.

1-705.

(A) Each health occupations board shall publish prominently on its website information on:

(1) The expedited licensing process available to service members, veterans, and military spouses under § 1-704 of this subtitle; and

(2) Any assistance and services related to licensure, certification, or registration provided by the board to service members, veterans, and military spouses.

(B) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL PUBLISH PROMINENTLY ON ITS WEBSITE THE INFORMATION THAT EACH HEALTH OCCUPATIONS BOARD IS REQUIRED TO PUBLISH UNDER SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, on or before June 1, 2023, the Maryland Department of Health shall report to the General Assembly, in accordance with § 2-1257 of the State Government Article, on the procedures developed by each health occupations board under § 1-704 of the Health Occupations Article, as enacted by Section 1 of this Act.”;

and in line 22, strike “2.” and substitute “3.”.