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Senate Bill 742 (as enacted)

PUBLIC ACT 149 of 2014

Sponsor: Senator Tonya Schuitmaker

Senate Committee: Veterans, Military Affairs and Homeland Security

House Committee: Military and Veterans Affairs

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CONTENT

The bill amended the Occupational Code to require the Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs (LARA) to grant a temporary occupational license or registration to a person licensed or registered in good standing in another jurisdiction who is married to an active duty member of the armed forces assigned to a duty station in Michigan.

The bill took effect on June 11, 2014.

Under the Code, if a person has not previously been denied a license or certificate of registration, or had a license or registration revoked or suspended, LARA may grant a nonrenewable temporary license or registration to an applicant.

Beginning 90 days after the bill's effective date, LARA must grant a temporary license or certificate of registration for an occupation regulated under the Code, to an applicant who provides proof acceptable to the Department of all of the following:

- He or she is married to a member of the armed forces who is on active duty.
- He or she holds a current license or registration in good standing in the appropriate occupation issued by an equivalent licensing department, board, or authority in another state, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands, another U.S. territory or protectorate, or a foreign country.
- His or her spouse is assigned to a duty station in Michigan and the applicant also is assigned to a duty station in Michigan under his or her spouse's permanent change of station orders.

A temporary license or registration issued under the bill will be valid for six months and may be renewed for one additional six-month term if LARA determines that the temporary licensee or registrant continues to meet the requirements described above and needs additional time to fulfill the requirements for initial licensure or registration under the Code.

Under the bill, "armed forces" means that term as defined in the Veteran Right to Employment Services Act. (That Act defines "armed forces" as the Army, Air Force, Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, other military force designated by Congress as part of the armed forces of the United States.)

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Legislative Analyst: Patrick Affholter

FISCAL IMPACT

The bill will have a minor, but likely negative, fiscal impact on the Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs and no fiscal impact on local units of government. Under the bill, LARA will have to establish a program to grant temporary occupational licenses, and will incur some indeterminate costs in doing so. Additionally, it is not clear that LARA will be able to charge a fee for temporary licenses, so the program will result in some likely minor costs on an annual basis. The costs of the bill will be borne by existing Department resources.

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