

1 SENATE BILL 610

2 **54TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2019**

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10 AN ACT

11 RELATING TO LICENSURE; PROVIDING FOR A WAIVER OF FEES FOR AND
12 ISSUANCE OF CERTAIN PROFESSIONAL AND OCCUPATIONAL LICENSES FOR
13 MILITARY SERVICE MEMBERS, SPOUSES AND THEIR DEPENDENT CHILDREN.

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15 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

16 SECTION 1. A new section of the Uniform Licensing Act is
17 enacted to read:

18 "[NEW MATERIAL] EXPEDITED LICENSURE--ISSUANCE--WAIVER OF
19 FEES--MILITARY SERVICE MEMBERS, SPOUSES AND DEPENDENT
20 CHILDREN.--

21 A. Notwithstanding any other section of Chapter 61
22 NMSA 1978, a state agency, board or commission that issues a
23 professional or occupational license pursuant to Chapter 61,
24 Articles 2 through 14E, 17A, 24, 24A and 31 NMSA 1978 shall, as
25 soon as practicable after a military service member files an

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1 application for a license:

2 (1) waive all required fees and process the
3 application; and

4 (2) issue a license valid for a term of three
5 years to a qualified applicant who submits satisfactory
6 evidence that the applicant:

7 (a) holds a license that is current and
8 in good standing issued by another jurisdiction in the United
9 States and that is substantially equivalent to the professional
10 or occupational license the applicant applies for pursuant to
11 Chapter 61, Articles 2 through 14E, 17A, 24, 24A and 31 NMSA
12 1978;

13 (b) has provided fingerprints and other
14 information necessary for a state and national criminal
15 background check, if required; and

16 (c) moved to New Mexico within one year
17 of filing an application for license pursuant to this section.

18 B. A license issued pursuant to this section is not
19 a provisional license and confers the same rights, privileges
20 and responsibilities as a license issued pursuant to Chapter
21 61, Articles 2 through 14E, 17A, 24, 24A and 31 NMSA 1978. A
22 license issued pursuant to this section shall not be renewed
23 pursuant to the provisions of this section.

24 C. As used in this section, "military service
25 member" means:

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1 (1) a person who is serving in the armed
2 forces of the United States or in an active reserve component
3 of the armed forces of the United States, including the
4 national guard;

5 (2) that person's spouse; or

6 (3) that person's child who is also a
7 dependent for federal income tax purposes."

8 SECTION 2. EFFECTIVE DATE.--The effective date of the
9 provisions of this act is July 1, 2019.

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