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A Bill

SENATE BILL 193

By: Senators Hill, *Irvin, J. Boyd*

By: Representative Eubanks

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO AMEND THE ARKANSAS OCCUPATIONAL LICENSING OF UNIFORMED SERVICE MEMBERS, VETERANS, AND SPOUSES ACT OF 2021; TO ADD CONSIDERATION OF NATIONAL CERTIFICATIONS TOWARD INITIAL OCCUPATIONAL LICENSURE AND EXTEND THE APPLICATION TO SPOUSES; TO ELIMINATE THE ONE-YEAR LIMIT FOR VETERANS TO APPLY SERVICE EDUCATION, TRAINING, OR CERTIFICATIONS TOWARD INITIAL OCCUPATIONAL LICENSURE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO AMEND THE ARKANSAS OCCUPATIONAL LICENSING OF UNIFORMED SERVICE MEMBERS, VETERANS, AND SPOUSES ACT OF 2021.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. DO NOT CODIFY. Legislative intent.

It is the intent of the General Assembly to:

(1) Add national certifications to be considered toward occupational licensure requirements;

(2) Extend application for initial licensure to the spouse of a uniformed service member or a uniformed service veteran; and

(3) Remove the one-year limit for veterans to apply service education, training, or certifications toward occupational licensure.

SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 17-4-107 is amended to read as follows:



17-4-107. Acceptance of uniformed service education, training, national certification, or service-issued credential.

An occupational licensing entity shall accept relevant and applicable uniformed service education, training, national certification, or service-issued credential toward occupational licensure qualifications or requirements when considering an application for initial licensure of an individual listed in § 17-4-104 ~~who is:~~

~~(1) A uniformed service member; or~~

~~(2) A uniformed service veteran who makes an application within one (1) year of his or her discharge from uniformed service.~~

/s/Hill

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