House Bill 1142

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT

1 To amend Chapter 1 of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to 2 general provisions of professions and businesses, so as to remove the residency requirement 3 for the issuance of licenses by endorsement for certain professions; to provide for related 4 matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

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BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

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SECTION 1.

7 Chapter 1 of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general 8 provisions of professions and businesses, is amended by revising subsection (c) of Code 9 Section 43-1-35, relating to expedited license by endorsement for spouses of active or 10 transitioning members of the armed forces and license by endorsement for certain 11 professions, as follows:

12 "(c) Notwithstanding any other provisions of law, a professional licensing board or other 13 board shall issue a license by endorsement to any individual seeking licensure for a 14 profession other than that of a firefighter, healthcare provider, or a law enforcement officer, 15 provided that such individual has:

16 (1) Moved from another state and established residency in this state;

- (2) Holds a current license to practice such occupation or profession issued by another 17 18 state prior to establishing residency in this state for which the training, experience, and testing are substantially similar in qualifications and scope to the requirements under this 19 state to obtain a license; 20 21 (3)(2) Is in good standing in such other state and is not the subject of an investigation or a disciplinary proceeding being conducted by a professional licensing board or other 22 23 board in such other state; and (4)(3) Passes any examination that may only be required to demonstrate knowledge of 24 the laws and rules and regulations of this state specific to the practice of the profession, 25 business, or trade for which such license by endorsement is being sought." 26
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SECTION 2.

28 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.