

House Bill 884 (COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE)

By: Representatives Belton of the 112th, Hitchens of the 161st, Bonner of the 72nd, Holcomb of the 81st, and Nix of the 69th

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 change certain provisions relating
3 to expedited license by endorsement for military spouses; to require that such licenses be
4 issued within a time specified; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date;
5 to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 Chapter 1 of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general
9 provisions of professions and businesses, is amended by revising Code Section 43-1-34.1,
10 relating to expedited license by endorsement for military spouses, as follows:

11 "43-1-34.1.

12 (a) As used in this Code section, the term:

13 (1) 'License' shall have the same meaning as provided in Code Section 43-1-34.

14 ~~(2) 'Military' shall have the same meaning as provided in Code Section 43-1-34.~~

15 ~~(3)~~(2) 'Other board' shall have the same meaning as provided in Code Section 43-1-34.

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16 ~~(4)~~(3) 'Service member' shall have the same meaning as provided in Code Section
17 43-1-34.

18 ~~(5)~~(4) 'State' means a state of the United States, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico,
19 the United States Virgin Islands, or any territory or insular possession subject to the
20 jurisdiction of the United States.

21 ~~(6)~~(5) 'Transitioning service member' shall have the same meaning as provided in Code
22 Section 43-1-34.

23 (b) Notwithstanding any other provisions of law, a professional licensing board or other
24 board shall issue an expedited license by endorsement to any individual ~~that~~ who:

25 (1) Is a spouse of a service member or transitioning service member stationed within ~~this~~
26 state the State of Georgia;

27 (2) Holds a current license to practice such occupation or profession issued by another
28 state for which the training, experience, and testing are substantially similar in
29 qualifications and scope to the requirements under this state to obtain a license;

30 (3) Is in good standing in such other state; and

31 (4) Passes any examination that may only be required to demonstrate knowledge of the
32 laws and rules and regulations of this state specific to the practice of the profession,
33 business, or trade for which such expedited license by endorsement is being sought.

34 (c) An expedited license by endorsement shall be issued no later than 30 days from the
35 date of receipt of an application and information and documents that show that all of the
36 requirements of subsection (b) of this Code section have been met. Such application shall
37 only require such information and documentation necessary to verify that the applicant
38 meets the requirements set forth in subsection (b) of this Code section.

39 ~~(e)~~(d) Nothing contained in this Code section shall be construed to invalidate, override, or
40 amend any licensing compact entered into by the State of Georgia."

41 **SECTION 2.**

42 This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law
43 without such approval.

44 **SECTION 3.**

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