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# ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL No. 1555

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DIGEST OF HB 1555 (Updated March 16, 2023 1:09 pm - DI 140)

**Citations Affected:** IC 25-1.

**Synopsis:** Military family occupational licenses. Provides that a military service applicant who has held an occupational license, certification, registration, or permit (license) in another jurisdiction for at least one year may qualify for an Indiana license. Removes the requirement that an applicant have a license for at least two of the five years preceding the date of the application. Provides that an applicant may not have a complaint or investigation pending before an occupational licensing board (board) that relates to unprofessional conduct or an alleged crime. Provides that a military member's dependent may apply for an occupational license under the same conditions as a military member's spouse. Requires the board to issue a license to an applicant upon application based on work experience in another state if certain conditions are met. Provides that the requirement that a nonresident is entitled to the same rights and subject to the same obligations as required of a resident who is issued a license by a board does not apply to a member of the military, a military spouse, or a dependent who applies for a real estate broker or appraiser license. Allows an applicant to appeal a final determination of the board. Makes a technical correction.

**Effective:** July 1, 2023.

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January 19, 2023, read first time and referred to Committee on Employment, Labor and Pensions.

February 2, 2023, amended, reported — Do Pass.

February 6, 2023, read second time, ordered engrossed.

February 7, 2023, engrossed. Read third time, passed. Yeas 95, nays 0.

SENATE ACTION

February 27, 2023, read first time and referred to Committee on Commerce and Technology.

March 20, 2023, reported favorably — Do Pass.

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First Regular Session of the 123rd General Assembly (2023)

PRINTING CODE. Amendments: Whenever an existing statute (or a section of the Indiana Constitution) is being amended, the text of the existing provision will appear in this style type, additions will appear in **this style type**, and deletions will appear in ~~this style type~~.

Additions: Whenever a new statutory provision is being enacted (or a new constitutional provision adopted), the text of the new provision will appear in **this style type**. Also, the word **NEW** will appear in that style type in the introductory clause of each SECTION that adds a new provision to the Indiana Code or the Indiana Constitution.

Conflict reconciliation: Text in a statute in *this style type* or ~~this style type~~ reconciles conflicts between statutes enacted by the 2022 Regular Session of the General Assembly.

## ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL No. 1555

A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning professions and occupations.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

1 SECTION 1. IC 25-1-17-1.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE  
2 AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY  
3 1, 2023]: **Sec. 1.5. As used in this chapter, "dependent" means a**  
4 **natural child, stepchild, or adopted child of a parent who is a**  
5 **member of the armed forces of the United States and who is less**  
6 **than twenty-six (26) years of age and at the time of application**  
7 **under this chapter:**

8 (1) **resides with the parent; or**  
9 (2) **is:**  
10 (A) **enrolled in and regularly attending a secondary school;**  
11 **or**  
12 (B) **a full-time student at an accredited college or**  
13 **university;**  
14 **in Indiana.**

15 SECTION 2. IC 25-1-17-4, AS ADDED BY P.L.57-2012,  
16 SECTION 2, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
17 JULY 1, 2023]: **Sec. 4. Notwithstanding any other law, a board shall**

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1 issue a license, certificate, registration, or permit to a military service  
 2 applicant to allow the applicant to practice the applicant's occupation  
 3 in Indiana if, upon application to a licensing board, the applicant  
 4 satisfies the following conditions:

5 (1) **Either:**

6 (A) has:

7 ~~(A)~~ (i) completed a military program of training;

8 ~~(B)~~ (ii) been awarded a military occupational specialty; and

9 ~~(C)~~ (iii) performed in that occupational specialty;

10 at a level that is substantially equivalent to or exceeds the  
 11 academic or experience requirements for a license, certificate,  
 12 registration, or permit of the board from which the applicant  
 13 is seeking licensure, certification, registration, or a permit; **or**

14 (B) has:

15 (i) **a current license, certification, registration, or permit**  
 16 **from another jurisdiction, and that jurisdiction's**  
 17 **requirements for a license, certificate, registration, or**  
 18 **permit are substantially equivalent to or exceed the**  
 19 **requirements for a license, certificate, registration, or**  
 20 **permit of the board from which the applicant is seeking**  
 21 **licensure, certification, registration, or a permit; and**  
 22 **(ii) held the license, certification, registration, or permit**  
 23 **described in item (i) for at least one (1) year.**

24 (2) ~~Has engaged in the active practice of the occupation for which~~  
 25 ~~the person is seeking a license, certificate, registration, or permit~~  
 26 ~~from the board for at least two (2) of the five (5) years preceding~~  
 27 ~~the date of the application under this section.~~

28 ~~(3) (2) Has not committed any act in any jurisdiction that would~~  
 29 ~~have constituted grounds for refusal, suspension, or revocation of~~  
 30 ~~a license, certificate, registration, or permit to practice that~~  
 31 ~~occupation in Indiana at the time the act was committed.~~

32 **(3) Does not have a complaint or investigation pending before**  
 33 **an occupational licensing board that relates to unprofessional**  
 34 **conduct or an alleged crime.**

35 (4) Pays the fees required by the board from which the applicant  
 36 is seeking licensure, certification, registration, or a permit.

37 SECTION 3. IC 25-1-17-5, AS ADDED BY P.L.57-2012,  
 38 SECTION 2, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
 39 JULY 1, 2023]: Sec. 5. Notwithstanding any other law, a board shall  
 40 issue a license, certificate, registration, or permit to a military spouse  
 41 **or dependent** to allow the military spouse **or dependent** to practice the  
 42 military spouse's **or dependent's** occupation in Indiana if, upon



1 application to the board, the military spouse **or dependent** satisfies the  
2 following conditions:

3 (1) Holds a current license, certification, registration, or permit  
4 from another jurisdiction, and that jurisdiction's requirements for  
5 a license, certificate, registration, or permit are substantially  
6 equivalent to or exceed the requirements for a license, certificate,  
7 registration, or permit of the board from which the applicant is  
8 seeking licensure, certification, registration, or a permit.

9 (2) Can demonstrate competency in the occupation through  
10 methods as determined by the board. ~~including having completed~~  
11 ~~continuing education units or having had recent experience for at~~  
12 ~~least two (2) of the five (5) years preceding the date of the~~  
13 ~~application under this section.~~

14 **(3) Has held the license, certification, registration, or permit**  
15 **required under subdivision (1) for at least one (1) year.**

16 ~~(3)~~ (4) Has not committed any act in any jurisdiction that would  
17 have constituted grounds for refusal, suspension, or revocation of  
18 a license, certificate, registration, or permit to practice that  
19 occupation in Indiana at the time the act was committed.

20 ~~(4)~~ (5) Is in good standing and has not been disciplined by the  
21 agency that has jurisdiction to issue the license, certification,  
22 registration, or permit.

23 **(6) Does not have a complaint or investigation pending before**  
24 **an occupational licensing board that relates to unprofessional**  
25 **conduct or an alleged crime.**

26 ~~(5)~~ (7) Pays any fees required by the ~~occupational licensing~~ board  
27 for which the applicant is seeking licensure, certification,  
28 registration, or a permit.

29 SECTION 4. IC 25-1-17-5.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE  
30 AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY  
31 1, 2023]: **Sec. 5.5. Notwithstanding any other law, the board shall**  
32 **issue a license to an applicant who is a member of the military, a**  
33 **military spouse, or a dependent, upon application based on work**  
34 **experience in another state, if the applicant satisfies the following**  
35 **conditions:**

36 (1) Has worked in a state that does not use a license to  
37 regulate a lawful occupation, but a license to regulate a lawful  
38 occupation with a similar scope of practice is required in  
39 Indiana, as determined by the board.

40 (2) Has worked for at least three (3) years in the lawful  
41 occupation.

42 (3) Has not committed any act in any jurisdiction that would



1           **have constituted grounds for refusal, suspension, or**  
 2           **revocation of a license, certificate, registration, or permit to**  
 3           **practice that occupation in Indiana at the time the act was**  
 4           **committed.**

5           **(4) Is in good standing and has not been disciplined by the**  
 6           **agency that has jurisdiction to issue the license, certification,**  
 7           **registration, or permit.**

8           **(5) Does not have a complaint or investigation pending before**  
 9           **an occupational licensing board that relates to unprofessional**  
 10           **conduct or an alleged crime.**

11           **(6) Pays any fees required by the board for which the**  
 12           **applicant is seeking licensure, certification, registration, or a**  
 13           **permit.**

14           SECTION 5. IC 25-1-17-6, AS ADDED BY P.L.57-2012,  
 15           SECTION 2, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
 16           JULY 1, 2023]: Sec. 6. (a) All relevant experience of a:

- 17           (1) military service member in the discharge of official duties; or  
 18           (2) military spouse **or dependent**, including full-time and  
 19           part-time experience, regardless of whether in a paid or volunteer  
 20           capacity;

21           must be credited in the calculation of years of practice in an occupation  
 22           as required under section 4 or 5 of this chapter.

23           (b) In determining if a military service member substantially meets  
 24           the academic requirements for a license, certificate, registration, or  
 25           permit issued by a board, the board shall consider the recommendations  
 26           in the Guide to the Evaluation of Educational Experiences in the  
 27           Armed Services published by the American Council on Education, or  
 28           the council's successor organization.

29           SECTION 6. IC 25-1-17-7, AS ADDED BY P.L.57-2012,  
 30           SECTION 2, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
 31           JULY 1, 2023]: Sec. 7. **(a) This section does not apply to a member**  
 32           **of the military, a military spouse, or a dependent who applies for**  
 33           **a license, certificate, registration, or permit issued by a board**  
 34           **under IC 25-34.1.**

35           **(b) A nonresident who is issued a license, certificate, registration,**  
 36           **or permit under this chapter is entitled to the same rights and subject**  
 37           **to the same obligations as required of a resident who is issued a license,**  
 38           **certificate, registration, or permit by a board.**

39           SECTION 7. IC 25-1-17-8, AS AMENDED BY P.L.116-2021,  
 40           SECTION 1, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
 41           JULY 1, 2023]: Sec. 8. (a) Notwithstanding any other law, an applicant  
 42           for a license is entitled to a provisional license in the regulated



1 occupation applied for and at the same practice level as determined by  
 2 the board, without an examination, if all of the following conditions are  
 3 met:

4 (1) The person submits a signed affidavit affirming, under the  
 5 penalties for perjury, the following:

6 (A) The person is the spouse **or dependent** of a member of the  
 7 military service assigned to Indiana.

8 (B) The person is in good standing in all states in which the  
 9 person holds a license for the regulated occupation applied for.

10 (C) The person has not had a license revoked and has not  
 11 voluntarily surrendered a license in another state or country  
 12 while under investigation for unprofessional conduct.

13 (D) The person has not had discipline imposed by the  
 14 regulating entity for the regulated occupation in another state  
 15 or country.

16 (E) The person does not have **a complaint or** an investigation  
 17 pending before the regulating entity in another state or country  
 18 that relates to unprofessional conduct.

19 (2) The person submits verification that the person is currently  
 20 licensed in at least one (1) other state in the regulated occupation  
 21 applied for.

22 (3) The person does not have a disqualifying criminal history, as  
 23 determined by the board, if a national criminal history background  
 24 check (as defined in IC 25-1-1.1-4) is required under  
 25 IC 25-1-1.1-4 for the regulated occupation for which the applicant  
 26 seeks a license.

27 (4) The person has submitted an application for a license with the  
 28 board and has paid any application fee.

29 (b) An applicant who has met the requirements in subsection (a)  
 30 shall be issued a provisional license not more than thirty (30) days after  
 31 the requirements are met.

32 (c) A provisional license expires three hundred sixty-five (365) days  
 33 after it is issued.

34 (d) In addition to any other penalties for perjury, a person who  
 35 violates this section commits a Class A infraction.

36 (e) If the board discovers that any of the information submitted  
 37 under this section is false, the board may immediately revoke the  
 38 person's provisional license.

39 (f) This section does not apply to a license that is established by or  
 40 recognized through an interstate compact, a reciprocity agreement, or  
 41 a comity agreement that is established by a board or a law.

42 (g) This section does not prohibit an individual from proceeding



1 under other licensure, certification, registration, or permit requirements  
2 established by a board or a law.

3 SECTION 8. IC 25-1-17-10, AS ADDED BY P.L.57-2012,  
4 SECTION 2, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
5 JULY 1, 2023]: Sec. 10. This chapter does not prohibit a military  
6 service applicant, ~~or~~ military spouse, **or dependent** from proceeding  
7 under other licensure, certification, registration, or permit requirements  
8 established by a board.

9 SECTION 9. IC 25-1-17-11, AS AMENDED BY P.L.78-2017,  
10 SECTION 7, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
11 JULY 1, 2023]: Sec. 11. The board shall expedite the issuance or  
12 renewal of a:

- 13 (1) license;
- 14 (2) certificate;
- 15 (3) registration; or
- 16 (4) permit;

17 of a military spouse whose husband or wife, **or a dependent whose**  
18 **parent**, is assigned to a duty station in Indiana.

19 SECTION 10. IC 25-1-17-12 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA  
20 CODE AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS  
21 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023]: **Sec. 12. An applicant under this**  
22 **chapter may appeal under IC 4-21.5 the following decisions of the**  
23 **board:**

- 24 (1) **Denial of a license.**
- 25 (2) **Determination of the occupation.**
- 26 (3) **Determination of the similarity of the scope of practice of**  
27 **the license issued.**
- 28 (4) **Any other final determination under this chapter.**





## COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Speaker: Your Committee on Employment, Labor and Pensions, to which was referred House Bill 1555, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the House with the recommendation that said bill be amended as follows:

Page 2, delete lines 37 through 42.

Page 3, delete lines 1 through 28, begin a new paragraph and insert:

"SECTION 3. IC 25-1-17-5, AS ADDED BY P.L.57-2012, SECTION 2, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023]: Sec. 5. Notwithstanding any other law, a board shall issue a license, certificate, registration, or permit to a military spouse **or dependent** to allow the military spouse **or dependent** to practice the military spouse's **or dependent's** occupation in Indiana if, upon application to the board, the military spouse **or dependent** satisfies the following conditions:

(1) Holds a current license, certification, registration, or permit from another jurisdiction, and that jurisdiction's requirements for a license, certificate, registration, or permit are substantially equivalent to or exceed the requirements for a license, certificate, registration, or permit of the board from which the applicant is seeking licensure, certification, registration, or a permit.

(2) Can demonstrate competency in the occupation through methods as determined by the board. ~~including having completed continuing education units or having had recent experience for at least two (2) of the five (5) years preceding the date of the application under this section.~~

**(3) Has held the license, certification, registration, or permit required under subdivision (1) for at least one (1) year.**

~~(3)~~ **(4)** Has not committed any act in any jurisdiction that would have constituted grounds for refusal, suspension, or revocation of a license, certificate, registration, or permit to practice that occupation in Indiana at the time the act was committed.

~~(4)~~ **(5)** Is in good standing and has not been disciplined by the agency that has jurisdiction to issue the license, certification, registration, or permit.

**(6) Does not have a complaint or investigation pending before an occupational licensing board that relates to unprofessional conduct or an alleged crime.**

~~(5)~~ **(7)** Pays any fees required by the occupational licensing board for which the applicant is seeking licensure, certification, registration, or a permit."



Page 4, between lines 28 and 29, begin a new paragraph and insert:  
"SECTION 6. IC 25-1-17-7, AS ADDED BY P.L.57-2012, SECTION 2, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023]: Sec. 7. **(a) This section does not apply to a member of the military, a military spouse, or a dependent who applies for a license, certificate, registration, or permit issued by a board under IC 25-34.1.**

**(b)** A nonresident who is issued a license, certificate, registration, or permit under this chapter is entitled to the same rights and subject to the same obligations as required of a resident who is issued a license, certificate, registration, or permit by a board."

Re-number all SECTIONS consecutively.

and when so amended that said bill do pass.

(Reference is to HB 1555 as introduced.)

VANNATTER

Committee Vote: yeas 11, nays 0.

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#### COMMITTEE REPORT

Madam President: The Senate Committee on Commerce and Technology, to which was referred House Bill No. 1555, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that said bill DO PASS.

(Reference is to HB 1555 as printed February 2, 2023.)

PERFECT, Chairperson

Committee Vote: Yeas 11, Nays 0

