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TERRY L. SPIELER, Secretary.

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AN ACT

To amend chapters 173, 192, and 324, RSMo, by adding thereto three new sections relating to current and former military personnel.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Chapters 173, 192, and 324, RSMo, are amended by adding
2 thereto three new sections, to be known as sections 173.1158, 192.360, and
3 324.007, to read as follows:

173.1158. 1. **By no later than January 1, 2013, the coordinating
2 board for higher education shall adopt a policy requiring every
3 institution of higher education, including but not limited to every
4 university, college, vocational and technical school, in this state to
5 award educational credits to a student enrolled in a higher education
6 institution, who is also a veteran, for courses that are part of the
7 student's military training or service and that meet the standards of
8 the American Council on Education or equivalent standards for
9 awarding academic credit if the award of educational credit is based
10 upon the institution's admission standards and its role, scope, and
11 mission.**

12 **2. Beginning with the 2013-2014 academic year and for every
13 academic year thereafter, the department of higher education and
14 every governing body of an institution of postsecondary education in
15 this state shall adopt necessary rules and procedures to implement the
16 provisions of this section. Any rule or portion of a rule, as that term is
17 defined in section 536.010, that is created under the authority delegated
18 in this section shall become effective only if it complies with and is
19 subject to all of the provisions of chapter 536 and, if applicable, section
20 536.028. This section and chapter 536 are nonseverable and if any of**

21 the powers vested with the general assembly pursuant to chapter 536
22 to review, to delay the effective date, or to disapprove and annul a rule
23 are subsequently held unconstitutional, then the grant of rulemaking
24 authority and any rule proposed or adopted after August 28, 2012, shall
25 be invalid and void.

192.360. 1. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the
2 contrary, the department of health and senior services and the
3 department of insurance, financial institutions and professional
4 registration shall require every health-related professional licensing
5 board to establish a procedure to ensure any member of the United
6 States armed forces on active duty who, at the time of activation, was
7 a member in good standing with any professional licensing body in this
8 state and was licensed or certified to engage in his or her profession or
9 vocation in this state shall be kept in good standing by the professional
10 licensing body with which he or she is licensed or certified.

11 2. While a licensee or certificate holder is an active duty member
12 of the United States armed forces, the license or certificate referenced
13 in subsection 1 of this section shall be renewed without:

14 (1) The payment of dues or fees;

15 (2) Obtaining continuing education credits when:

16 (a) Circumstances associated with military duty prevent
17 obtaining such training and a waiver request has been submitted to the
18 appropriate licensing body; or

19 (b) The military member, while on active duty, performs the
20 licensed or certified occupation as part of his or her military duties as
21 annotated in Defense Department form 214 (DD 214); or

22 (c) Performing any other act typically required for the renewal
23 of the license or certificate.

24 3. The license or certificate issued under this section shall be
25 continued as long as the licensee or certificate holder is a member of
26 the United States armed forces on active duty and for a period of at
27 least six months after being released from active duty.

324.007. 1. By no later than January 1, 2013, every professional
2 licensing board or commission in this state shall, upon presentation of
3 satisfactory evidence by an applicant for certification or licensure,
4 accept education, training, or service completed by an individual who
5 is a member of the United States armed forces or reserves, the national

6 guard of any state, the military reserves of any state, or the naval
7 militia of any state toward the qualifications to receive the license or
8 certification.

9 2. Every examination and professional licensing board in this
10 state shall adopt necessary procedures to implement the provisions of
11 this section.

12 3. The division of professional registration within the
13 department of insurance, financial institutions and professional
14 registration shall promulgate rules to implement this section. Any rule
15 or portion of a rule, as that term is defined in section 536.010, that is
16 created under the authority delegated in this section shall become
17 effective only if it complies with and is subject to all of the provisions
18 of chapter 536 and, if applicable, section 536.028. This section and
19 chapter 536 are nonseverable and if any of the powers vested with the
20 general assembly pursuant to chapter 536 to review, to delay the
21 effective date, or to disapprove and annul a rule are subsequently held
22 unconstitutional, then the grant of rulemaking authority and any rule
23 proposed or adopted after August 28, 2012, shall be invalid and void.

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