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**HOUSE BILL 902**

Short Title: Military-Trained/Spouse Licensure Practices. (Public)

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Sponsors: Representatives Grange and Bell (Primary Sponsors).

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Referred to: Homeland Security, Military, and Veterans Affairs, if favorable, Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House

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April 22, 2019

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT PROVIDING THAT THE PROGRAM EVALUATION DIVISION SHALL STUDY WAYS IN WHICH TO IMPROVE THE ABILITY OF MILITARY-TRAINED APPLICANTS AND MILITARY SPOUSES TO BECOME LICENSED BY OCCUPATIONAL LICENSING BOARDS IN THE STATE.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

**SECTION 1.(a)** The Program Evaluation Division, in consultation with the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs, shall study the extent to which the provisions of G.S. 93B-15.1 has improved the ability of military-trained applicants and military spouses to become licensed by occupational licensing boards in the State. All occupational licensing boards, as that term is defined in G.S. 93B-1 shall cooperate with the Program Evaluation Division in conducting this study, including providing data on its compliance with the provisions of G.S. 93B-15.1. In conducting the study, the Program Evaluation Division shall consider, among other things, the following:

- (1) Whether the criteria in G.S. 93B-15.1 should be expanded to allow for the licensure of more military-trained applicants and military spouses.
- (2) The effectiveness of publishing information on the criteria for licensure of military spouses as required by G.S. 93B-15.1, and whether there are additional platforms on which this information should be published to ensure broader dissemination to military spouses.
- (3) The feasibility and effectiveness of including a question about military status, including status as a military spouse, on applications for licensure.
- (4) Determining what steps can be taken to provide or enhance continuing education programs to assist military spouses in maintaining an active occupational license, even if issued by another state.
- (5) Providing training for at least one employee in the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs on the licensure process outlined in G.S. 93B-15 for military-trained applicants and military spouses, and considering ways in which to disseminate information about this employee's availability to applicants.
- (6) Develop a process for annually gathering data from all occupational licensing boards on the number of military-trained applicants and military spouses who
  - (i) were licensed pursuant to G.S. 93B-15.1 or under the existing licensure, certification, or registration requirements established by occupational



1                           licensing boards and (ii) were denied licensure. The data shall include a  
2                           summary of the reasons military-trained applicants and military spouses were  
3                           denied licensure, but shall not disclose any identifying information about any  
4                           applicant.

5                           **SECTION 1.(b)** By February 1, 2020, the Program Evaluation Division shall report  
6 the findings of its study, and any recommendations for proposed legislation, to the Joint  
7 Legislative Oversight Committee on General Government and to the Department of Military and  
8 Veterans Affairs.

9                           **SECTION 2.** This act is effective when it becomes law.