

SENATE BILL 2237

By Jackson

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 62;
Title 63 and Section 68-1-101, relative to a
licensure for a service member.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 62, Chapter 76, Part 1, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

(a) As used in this section:

(1) "Agency" means a state board, agency, commission, or any other entity attached to the division of regulatory boards, as listed in § 4-3-1304(a);

(2) "License" means a permit, approval, registration, or certificate to provide a professional service that is administered under this title; and

(3) "Member of the armed forces" means a person who is a member of the armed forces or reserves of the United States, the national guard of any state, the military reserves of any state, or the naval militia.

(b) An agency shall, upon presentation of satisfactory evidence by the applicant for licensure, accept education, training, or service completed by a member of the armed forces of any state toward the qualifications to receive a license.

(c) Each agency shall promulgate rules to establish a procedure to expedite the issuance of a license to a member of the armed forces who is licensed in another state.

(d) The procedure must include:

(1) The issuance of a license to a member of the armed forces who is licensed in another state in which the requirements for licensure are, in the

opinion of the agency, substantially equivalent to the requirements in this state;
and

(2) If the member of the armed forces who is licensed in another state where the state's requirements are not substantially equivalent to the requirements in this state, then the agency shall issue the member of the armed forces a temporary permit for a limited time period to allow the member of the armed forces to perform professional services while completing the requirements for licensure in this state.

(e) Each agency listed in § 4-3-1304(a) shall promulgate rules to effectuate the purposes of this section.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.