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02/02/2015	191	Introduction and first reading Referred to Health, Human Services and Housing
02/19/2015		Comm report: To pass as amended and re-refer to State and Local Government

A bill for an act
relating to health licensing; providing temporary licensing as an LPC, LPCC,
or LADC for former and current members of the military; amending Minnesota
Statutes 2014, sections 148B.53, by adding a subdivision; 148B.5301, by adding
a subdivision; 148F.025, by adding a subdivision.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 148B.53, is amended by adding a
subdivision to read:

Subd. 1a. **Expedited and temporary licensing for former and current members
of the military.** (a) Applicants seeking licensure according to this subdivision must be:

(1) an active duty military member;

(2) the spouse of an active duty military member; or

(3) a veteran who has left service in the two years preceding the date of license or
certification application, and has confirmation of an honorable or general discharge status.

(b) A qualified applicant under this subdivision must provide evidence of:

(1) a current valid license, certificate, or permit in another state without history of
disciplinary action by a regulatory authority in the other state; and

(2) a current criminal background study without a criminal conviction that is
determined by the board to adversely affect the applicant's ability to become licensed.

(c) A temporary license issued under this subdivision is effective for one year from
the initial licensure date.

(d) During the temporary license period, the individual shall complete the licensed
professional counselor application for licensure.

(e) In order to remain licensed after the expiration of the temporary license, an
individual must meet the requirements in subdivision 1, paragraphs (a) and (b).

2.1 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 148B.5301, is amended by adding a
2.2 subdivision to read:

2.3 Subd. 4a. **Expedited and temporary licensing for former and current members**
2.4 **of the military.** (a) Applicants seeking licensure according to this subdivision must be:
2.5 (1) an active duty military member;
2.6 (2) the spouse of an active duty military member; or
2.7 (3) a veteran who has left service in the two years preceding the date of license or
2.8 certification application, and has confirmation of an honorable or general discharge status.
2.9 (b) A qualified applicant under paragraph (a) must provide evidence of:
2.10 (1) a current valid license, certificate, or permit in another state without history of
2.11 disciplinary action by a regulatory authority in the other state; and
2.12 (2) a current criminal background study without a criminal conviction that is
2.13 determined by the board to adversely affect the applicant's ability to become licensed.
2.14 (c) A temporary license issued under this subdivision is effective for one year from
2.15 the initial licensure date.
2.16 (d) During the temporary license period, the individual shall complete the licensed
2.17 professional clinical counselor application for licensure.
2.18 (e) In order to remain licensed after the expiration of the temporary license, an
2.19 individual must meet the requirements in subdivisions 1 and 2.

2.20 Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 148F.025, is amended by adding a subdivision
2.21 to read:

2.22 Subd. 5. **Expedited and temporary licensing for former and current members**
2.23 **of the military.** (a) Applicants seeking licensure according to this subdivision must be:
2.24 (1) an active duty military member;
2.25 (2) the spouse of an active duty military member; or
2.26 (3) a veteran who has left service in the two years preceding the date of license or
2.27 certification application, and has confirmation of an honorable or general discharge status.
2.28 (b) Applicants are required to comply with subdivisions 1 and 4.
2.29 (c) A qualified applicant under paragraph (a) must provide evidence of:
2.30 (1) a current valid license, certificate, or permit in another state without history of
2.31 disciplinary action by a regulatory authority in the other state; and
2.32 (2) a current criminal background study without a criminal conviction that is
2.33 determined by the board to adversely affect the applicant's ability to become licensed.
2.34 (d) A temporary license issued under this subdivision is effective for two years from
2.35 the initial licensure date.

- 3.1 (e) During the temporary license period, the individual shall complete the application
3.2 for licensure required in subdivision 1.
- 3.3 (f) In order to remain licensed after the expiration of the temporary license, an
3.4 individual must meet the requirements in subdivisions 2 and 3.