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RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- DIVISION OF MOTOR VEHICLES

Introduced By: Representatives Azzinaro, Fellela, Vella-Wilkinson, Messier, and  
Abney

Date Introduced: January 03, 2018

Referred To: House Veterans` Affairs

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1           SECTION 1. Chapter 31-2 of the General Laws entitled "Division of Motor Vehicles" is  
2 hereby amended by adding thereto the following sections:

3           **31-2-3.1. Division of motor vehicles service member licensure.**

4           (a) The administrator of the division of motor vehicles and each of their examining and  
5 licensing boards shall, upon presentation of satisfactory evidence by an applicant for certification  
6 or licensure, accept education, training, or service completed by an individual as a member of the  
7 Armed Forces or Reserves of the United States, the National Guard of any state, the Military  
8 Reserves of any state, or the Naval Militia of any state toward the qualifications to receive the  
9 license or certification. The administrator of the division of motor vehicles and each of their  
10 examining and licensing boards shall promulgate rules to implement this section.

11           (b) The administrator and each of their examining and licensing boards shall establish a  
12 procedure to expedite the issuance of a license, certification or permit to perform professional  
13 services regulated by each such board to a person who is certified or licensed in another state to  
14 perform professional services in a state other than Rhode Island. The procedure shall include:

15           (1) Issuing the person a license, certificate or permit, if, in the opinion of the  
16 administrator or their board members, the requirements for certification or licensure of such other  
17 state are substantially equivalent to that required in this state; or

18           (2) Developing a method to authorize the person to perform professional services  
19 regulated by the administrator and their board members in this state by issuing the person a

1 temporary permit for a limited period of time to allow the person to perform professional services  
2 while completing any specific requirements that may be required in this state that were not  
3 required in the state in which the person was licensed or certified.

4 **31-2-3.2. Division of motor vehicles military spouse licensure.**

5 (a) The division of motor vehicles shall establish a procedure to expedite the issuance of  
6 a license, certification or permit to perform professional services regulated by the division to a  
7 person:

8 (1) Who is certified or licensed in another state to perform professional services in a state  
9 other than Rhode Island;

10 (2) Whose spouse is a member of the armed forces of the United States;

11 (3) Whose spouse is the subject of a military transfer to Rhode Island; and

12 (4) Who left employment to accompany the person's spouse to Rhode Island.

13 (b) The procedure shall include:

14 (1) Issuing the person a license, certificate or permit, if, in the opinion of the  
15 administration, the requirements for certification or licensure of such other state are substantially  
16 equivalent to that required in this state; or

17 (2) Developing a method to authorize the person to perform professional services  
18 regulated by the division in this state by issuing the person a temporary permit for a limited  
19 period of time to allow the person to perform professional services while completing any specific  
20 requirements that may be required in this state that were not required in the state in which the  
21 person was licensed or certified.

22 SECTION 2. Chapter 42-11 of the General Laws entitled "Department of  
23 Administration" is hereby amended by adding thereto the following sections:

24 **42-11-2.10. Department of administration service member licensure.**

25 (a) The director of the department of administration and each of their examining and  
26 licensing boards shall, upon presentation of satisfactory evidence by an applicant for certification  
27 or licensure, accept education, training, or service completed by an individual as a member of the  
28 Armed Forces or Reserves of the United States, the National Guard of any state, the Military  
29 Reserves of any state, or the Naval Militia of any state toward the qualifications to receive the  
30 license or certification. The director of the department of administration and each of their  
31 examining and licensing boards shall promulgate rules to implement this section.

32 (b) The director and each of their examining and licensing boards shall establish a  
33 procedure to expedite the issuance of a license, certification or permit to perform professional  
34 services regulated by each such board to a person who is certified or licensed in another state to

1 perform professional services in a state other than Rhode Island. The procedure shall include:

2 (1) Issuing the person a license, certificate or permit, if, in the opinion of the director or  
3 their board members, the requirements for certification or licensure of such other state are  
4 substantially equivalent to that required in this state; or

5 (2) Developing a method to authorize the person to perform professional services  
6 regulated by the director and their board members in this state by issuing the person a temporary  
7 permit for a limited period of time to allow the person to perform professional services while  
8 completing any specific requirements that may be required in this state that were not required in  
9 the state in which the person was licensed or certified.

10 **42-11-2.11. Department of administration military spouse licensure.**

11 (a) The department of administration shall establish a procedure to expedite the issuance  
12 of a license, certification or permit to perform professional services regulated by the department  
13 to a person:

14 (1) Who is certified or licensed in another state to perform professional services in a state  
15 other than Rhode Island;

16 (2) Whose spouse is a member of the armed forces of the United States;

17 (3) Whose spouse is the subject of a military transfer to Rhode Island; and

18 (4) Who left employment to accompany the person's spouse to Rhode Island.

19 (b) The procedure shall include:

20 (1) Issuing the person a license, certificate or permit, if, in the opinion of the director, the  
21 requirements for certification or licensure of such other state are substantially equivalent to that  
22 required in this state; or

23 (2) Developing a method to authorize the person to perform professional services  
24 regulated by the department in this state by issuing the person a temporary permit for a limited  
25 period of time to allow the person to perform professional services while completing any specific  
26 requirements that may be required in this state that were not required in the state in which the  
27 person was licensed or certified.

28 SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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EXPLANATION  
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1           This act would make it easier for military service members and their spouses to obtain  
2           certifications and licenses issued by the division of motor vehicles and the department of  
3           administration.

4           This act would take effect upon passage.

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