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HOUSE BILL 902 PROPOSED COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE H902-PCS10620-BD-17

Short Title: Military-Trained/Spouse Licensure Practices.

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Referred to:

		April 22, 2019
1 2	AN ACT PROVI	A BILL TO BE ENTITLED DING THAT THE PROGRAM EVALUATION DIVISION SHALL STUDY
3	WAYS IN	WHICH TO IMPROVE THE ABILITY OF MILITARY-TRAINED
4	APPLICANT	S AND MILITARY SPOUSES TO BECOME LICENSED BY
5	OCCUPATIO	ONAL LICENSING BOARDS IN THE STATE.
6	The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:	
7	SECT	TON 1.(a) The Program Evaluation Division, in consultation with the
8	Department of M	lilitary and Veterans Affairs, shall study the extent to which the provisions of
9	G.S. 93B-15.1 ha	as improved the ability of military-trained applicants and military spouses to
10		by occupational licensing boards in the State. All occupational licensing boards,
11		fined in G.S. 93B-1 shall cooperate with the Program Evaluation Division in
12		study, including providing data on its compliance with the provisions of
13		a conducting the study, the Program Evaluation Division shall consider, among
14	other things, the f	
15	(1)	Whether the criteria in G.S. 93B-15.1 should be expanded to allow for the
16		licensure of more military-trained applicants and military spouses.
17	(2)	The effectiveness of publishing information on the criteria for licensure of
18		military spouses as required by G.S. 93B-15.1, and whether there are
19		additional platforms on which this information should be published to ensure
20		broader dissemination to military spouses.
21	(3)	The feasibility and effectiveness of including a question about military status,
22		including status as a military spouse, on applications for licensure.
23	(4)	Determining what steps can be taken to provide or enhance continuing
24		education programs to assist military spouses in maintaining an active
25		occupational license, even if issued by another state.
26	(5)	Providing training for at least one employee in the Department of Military and
27		Veterans Affairs on the licensure process outlined in G.S. 93B-15 for
28		military-trained applicants and military spouses, and considering ways in
29 30		which to disseminate information about this employee's availability to
30 31	(6)	applicants.
32	(0)	Whether to develop a process for annually gathering data from all occupational licensing boards on the number of military-trained applicants
33		and military spouses who (i) were licensed pursuant to G.S. 93B-15.1 or under
33 34		the existing licensure, certification, or registration requirements established
35		by occupational licensing boards and (ii) were denied licensure. The data shall
36		include a summary of the reasons military-trained applicants and military
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1	spouses were denied licensure, but shall not disclose any identifying	
2	information about any applicant.	
3	SECTION 1.(b) By February 1, 2020, the Program Evaluation Division shall report	
4	the findings of its study, and any recommendations for proposed legislation, to the Joint	
5	Legislative Oversight Committee on General Government and to the Department of Military and	
6	Veterans Affairs.	
7	SECTION 2. This act is effective when it becomes law.	