



# SENATE BILL 8: Ease Occ. Lic. Burdens on Military Families.

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<b>Committee:</b>	Senate Finance. If favorable, re-refer to Rules and Operations of the Senate	<b>Date:</b>	February 24, 2017
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**OVERVIEW:** *Senate Bill 8 would facilitate occupational licensing for members of the military and their spouses that meet certain qualification requirements.*

**CURRENT LAW:**

G.S. 93B-15.1(f) allows an occupational licensing board to issue a temporary practice permit to a military-trained applicant or military spouse if:

1. the military-trained applicant or military spouse is satisfying the qualification requirements related to training, competency, and professional standing;
2. the military-trained applicant or military spouse has performed the specialty in another jurisdiction with requirements substantially equivalent to North Carolina requirements; and
3. the military-trained applicant or military spouse pays a fee.

**BILL ANALYSIS:**

**Senate Bill 8** would:

1. require an occupational licensing board (previously discretionary) to issue a temporary practice permit to a military-trained applicant or military spouse that has performed the specialty in another jurisdiction with requirements substantially equivalent to North Carolina requirements while the military-trained applicant or military spouse is satisfying the qualification requirements related to training, competency, and professional standing in this State;
2. establish that the temporary practice permit is valid for one year;
3. eliminate the initial application fee for a military-trained applicant or spouse applying for a temporary practice permit, a license, certification, or registration; and
4. clarify that ordinary renewal fees and actual costs for services performed by third parties, such as background checks, can still be charged.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** This act would become effective July 1, 2017 and apply to applications submitted on or after that date.

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