



ACT #2023 - 200

1 BHC344-3

2 By Senators Givhan, Butler, Kelley, Livingston, Barfoot, Bell,
3 Carnley, Hatcher, Scofield, Chesteen, Orr, Jones

4 RFD: Veterans and Military Affairs

5 First Read: 07-Mar-23

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7 2023 Regular Session



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4 Relating to the Military Family Jobs Opportunity Act;
5 to amend Section 31-1-6, Code of Alabama 1975, as amended by
6 Act 2022-92, 2022 Regular Session, to extend professional
7 license reciprocity to spouses of United States Department of
8 Defense civil servants.

9 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

10 Section 1. Section 31-1-6, Code of Alabama 1975, as
11 last amended by Section 1 of Act 2022-92 of the 2022 Regular
12 Session, is amended to read as follows:

13 "§31-1-6

14 (a) This section shall be known and may be cited as the
15 Military Family Jobs Opportunity Act.

16 (b) Except as provided in subsection (h), and
17 notwithstanding other provisions of law, this section shall
18 apply to any board, agency, commission, or other entity
19 providing professional licenses or certificates, or both, for
20 the purpose of employment in the State of Alabama. On or
21 before January 1, 2023, each board, agency, or commission
22 providing professional licenses or certificates, or both,
23 shall adopt rules in conformity with this section for the
24 purpose of implementing its requirements. The rules shall
25 provide a method of accomplishing both of the following:

26 (1) The issuance of a license or certificate to an
27 eligible individual, within 30 days of application, if the
28 certification or license of the original issuing state or

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29 governing body is similar to that requested from this state,
30 as provided in subsection (d).

31 (2) A procedure for authorizing an eligible individual
32 to perform professional services regulated by the board,
33 agency, or commission in this state pursuant to a temporary
34 permit, effective for at least 360 days, while the board,
35 agency, or commission deliberates the application to obtain a
36 license or certificate in this state, as provided in
37 subsection (d).

38 (c) For the purposes of this section, an "eligible
39 individual" is any individual who satisfies all of the
40 following:

41 (1) **Is the spouse of any of the following:**

42 a. An active duty, reserve, or transitioning member of
43 the United States Armed Forces, including the National Guard,
44 or a surviving spouse of a service member who, at the time of
45 his or her death, was serving on active duty, who is relocated
46 to and stationed in the State of Alabama under official
47 military orders. For the purposes of this ~~section~~ paragraph, a
48 "~~transitioning service member~~" is ~~a member of the United~~
49 ~~States Armed Forces, including the National Guard,~~ on active
50 duty status or on separation leave who is within 24 months of
51 retirement.

52 b. An individual currently employed by the United
53 States Department of Justice or any of its encompassed
54 offices, agencies, institutes, and bureaus, including, but not
55 limited to, the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), the
56 U.S. Attorney's Office, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco,

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57 Firearms, and Explosives (ATF), the Drug Enforcement
58 Administration (DEA), and the United States Marshal Service
59 (USMS), who is relocated to Alabama by order of their
60 employer.

61 c. An individual currently employed at the National
62 Aeronautics and Space Administration who is relocated to
63 Alabama by order of their employer.

64 d. An individual currently employed in Alabama as a
65 civil servant for the United States Department of Defense.

66 (2) Has not committed or participated in an act that
67 would constitute grounds for refusal, suspension, or
68 revocation of a professional license or certificate.

69 (3) Has not been disciplined by an authorized entity or
70 under investigation, in any jurisdiction, in relation to a
71 professional license or certificate.

72 (d) Any eligible individual under subsection (c) who
73 possesses a valid license or certificate, in good standing, in
74 another state, district, or territory of the United States, or
75 in any branch of the United States Armed Forces, including the
76 National Guard, that is substantially similar to the license
77 issued by the appropriate board, agency, or commission in the
78 State of Alabama shall be approved to continue work in his or
79 her profession upon relocation to the State of Alabama for
80 such time as normally allotted with receipt of a license or
81 certificate from the appropriate board, agency, or commission.
82 Upon completion of an application, an authorized board,
83 agency, or commission shall expedite the application according
84 to statute, adopted rules, or if applicable, at the next

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35 scheduled licensure proceeding for an eligible individual
36 under subsection (c).

37 (e) Any board, agency, or commission in the State of
38 Alabama may establish reciprocity with other states for
39 military spouse professional licensing and certification.

90 (f) Any board, agency, commission, or other entity
91 providing professional licenses or certificates, or both, for
92 the purpose of employment in this state, that is created after
93 April 6, 2018, shall adopt the rules required by this section
94 within one year after the date of its initial organizational
95 meeting.

96 (g) Any board, agency, commission, or other entity
97 providing professional licenses or certificates, or both, for
98 the purpose of employment in the state, shall waive the
99 initial licensing fee for the eligible individual upon
100 application by the eligible individual in a manner prescribed
101 by the board, agency, commission, or other entity. The board,
102 agency, commission, or other entity shall process an
103 application for a fee waiver within 30 days after receiving
104 the application.

105 (h) This section does not apply to the practice of law
106 or the regulation of attorneys, any license or registration
107 issued by the Securities Commission under the Alabama
108 Securities Act, any certification issued by the Alabama Peace
109 Officers' Standards and Training Commission, or the practice
110 of any profession regulated by the Alabama State Board of
111 Pharmacy, Board of Optometry, Board of Dental Examiners, State
112 Board of Chiropractic Examiners, Alabama Liquefied Petroleum

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113 Gas Board, or State Board of Medical Examiners."

114 Section 2. This act shall become effective on the first
115 day of the third month following its passage and approval by
116 the Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.



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President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

Speaker of the House of Representatives

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Senate 13-Apr-23

I hereby certify that the within Act originated in and passed the Senate, as amended.

Patrick Harris,
Secretary.

House of Representatives
Passed: 02-May-23

By: Senator Givhan

APPROVED 5-16-2023

TIME 3:10 pm

GOVERNOR

Alabama Secretary Of State

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I hereby certify that the Resolution as required in Section C of Act No. 81-889 was adopted and is attached to the Bill.
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PATRICK HARRIS,
 Secretary

I hereby certify that the notice & proof is attached to the Bill, SB _____ as required in the General Acts of Alabama, 1975 Act No. 919.
PATRICK HARRIS,
 Secretary

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE
 Senate Conference _____

DATE: 4.13 2023
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REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE
 This bill having been referred by the House to its standing committee on Military Veterans Affairs was acted upon by such committee in session, and returned therefrom to the House with the recommendation that it be Passed, w/amend(s) _____ w/sub _____
 This 19 day of April 2023
Ken D. ... Chairperson

DATE: 4.10 2023
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DATE: _____ 20____
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 Committee _____

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JOHN TREADWELL,
 Clerk

FURTHER HOUSE ACTION (OVER)