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## **SYNOPSIS**

Waives certain professional and occupational licensing fees for veterans and spouses of veterans.

## **CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel.



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1 AN ACT concerning certain exemptions from payment of license 2 fees for professional and occupational licenses for veterans and 3 their spouses and supplementing P.L.1978, c.73 (C.45:1-14 et 4 seq.). 5 6 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State 7 of New Jersey: 8 9 1. As used in this act: 10 "Board" means a professional or occupational board designated in section 2 of P.L.1978, c.73 (C.45:1-15) that issues a professional 11 12 or occupational license, certificate of registration, or certification. 13 "Veteran" means a person who received an honorable discharge 14 from a branch of the active or reserve component of the Armed 15 Forces of the United States or the National Guard of any state. 16 17 2. Notwithstanding the provision of any law, rule, or regulation to the contrary, a board shall not charge a license fee for the 18 19 issuance of a license to an applicant who is a veteran or the spouse 20 of a veteran if that applicant holds a current license to practice the profession or occupation in another jurisdiction that the board 21 22 determines has licensure requirements to practice the profession or 23 occupation that are equivalent, or substantially equivalent, as the 24 case may be, to those adopted by the board. 25 26 3. This act shall take effect on the first day of the third month 27 following enactment. 28 29 30 **STATEMENT** 31 32 This bill provides that the several professional and occupational 33 licensing boards in the Division of Consumer Affairs in the 34 Department of Law and Public Safety shall not charge a license fee to a veteran or the spouse of a veteran when granting that veteran or 35 36 spouse, on the basis of reciprocity, a license to practice in New 37 Jersey. In each such instance, the board has determined that the 38 veteran or spouse holds a current license to practice the profession 39 or occupation in another jurisdiction that the board determines has licensure requirements to practice the profession or occupation that 40 are equivalent, or substantially equivalent, to those adopted by the 41 42 board. 43 The bill defines "veteran" as a person who received an honorable 44 discharge from a branch of the active or reserve component of the 45 Armed Forces of the United States or the National Guard of any 46 state.