

By the Committee on Health Regulation; and Senator Altman

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1 A bill to be entitled

2 An act relating to temporary certificates and licenses
3 for certain health care practitioners; amending s.
4 456.024, F.S.; providing for issuance of a temporary
5 license to specified health care practitioners who are
6 spouses of active duty members of the Armed Forces
7 under certain circumstances; providing for criminal
8 history checks; providing fees; providing for
9 expiration of a temporary license; requiring a person
10 who is issued a temporary license to be subject to
11 certain general licensing requirements; amending ss.
12 458.315 and 459.0076, F.S.; naming the temporary
13 certificates issued to physicians who practice in
14 areas of critical need after Rear Admiral LeRoy
15 Collins, Jr.; providing an effective date.

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17 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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19 Section 1. Subsection (3) is added to section 456.024,
20 Florida Statutes, to read:

21 456.024 Members of Armed Forces in good standing with
22 administrative boards or the department; spouses.—

23 (3) (a) The board, or the department when there is no board,
24 may issue a temporary professional license to the spouse of an
25 active duty member of the Armed Forces of the United States who
26 submits to the department:

27 1. A completed application upon a form prepared and
28 furnished by the department in accordance with the board's
29 rules;

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30 2. The required application fee;

31 3. Proof that the applicant is married to a member of the
32 Armed Forces of the United States who is on active duty;

33 4. Proof that the applicant holds a valid license for the
34 profession issued by another state, the District of Columbia, or
35 a possession or territory of the United States, and is not the
36 subject of any disciplinary proceeding in any jurisdiction in
37 which the applicant holds a license to practice a profession
38 regulated by this chapter; and

39 5. Proof that the applicant's spouse is assigned to a duty
40 station in this state pursuant to the member's official active
41 duty military orders.

42 (b) The applicant must also submit to the Department of Law
43 Enforcement a complete set of fingerprints. The Department of
44 Law Enforcement shall conduct a statewide criminal history check
45 and forward the fingerprints to the Federal Bureau of
46 Investigation for a national criminal history check.

47 (c) The department shall, and the board may, review the
48 results of the state and federal criminal history checks
49 according to the level 2 screening standards in s. 435.04 and
50 shall determine whether the applicant meets the licensure
51 requirements.

52 (d) The applicant shall pay the cost of fingerprint
53 processing. If the fingerprints are submitted through an
54 authorized agency or vendor, the agency or vendor shall collect
55 the required processing fees and remit the fees to the
56 Department of Law Enforcement.

57 (e) The department shall set an application fee, which may
58 not exceed the cost of issuing the license.

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59 (f) A temporary license expires 6 months after the date of
60 issuance and is not renewable.

61 (g) A person issued a temporary license under this
62 subsection is subject to the requirements under s. 456.013(3).

63 Section 2. Present subsections (1) through (4) of section
64 458.315, Florida Statutes, are renumbered as subsections (2)
65 through (5), respectively, and a new subsection (1) is added to
66 that section, to read:

67 458.315 Temporary certificate for practice in areas of
68 critical need.—

69 (1) A certificate issued pursuant to this section may be
70 cited as the "Rear Admiral LeRoy Collins, Jr., Temporary
71 Certificate for Practice in Areas of Critical Need."

72 Section 3. Present subsections (1) through (4) of section
73 459.0076, Florida Statutes, are renumbered as subsections (2)
74 through (5), respectively, and a new subsection (1) is added to
75 that section, to read:

76 459.0076 Temporary certificate for practice in areas of
77 critical need.—

78 (1) A certificate issued pursuant to this section may be
79 cited as the "Rear Admiral LeRoy Collins, Jr., Temporary
80 Certificate for Practice in Areas of Critical Need."

81 Section 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 2011.