

CHAPTER 137**(HB 397)**

AN ACT relating to the licensure of military-connected individuals.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:

➔Section 1. KRS 12.245 is amended to read as follows:

- (1) An administrative body that issues a license, permit, certificate, or other document required to operate within a business, profession, or other occupation in the Commonwealth shall issue within thirty (30) days of receipt of a completed application a license, permit, certificate, or other document to a member of the United States military, Reserves, or National Guard, or to his or her spouse, or to a veteran or the spouse of a veteran, who is seeking a license, permit, certificate, or other document and currently holds or recently held equivalent documentation issued by another state, the District of Columbia, or any possession or territory of the United States unless:
 - (a) The license, permit, certificate, or other document issued by another state, the District of Columbia, or any possession or territory of the United States has been expired for more than two (2) years;
 - (b) The license, permit, certificate, or other documentation is not in good standing;
 - (c) The holder of the license, permit, certificate, or other document has had the license, permit, certificate, or other document suspended for disciplinary reasons; or
 - (d) The board can show substantive evidence of significant statutory deficiency in the training, education, or experience of the United States military service member, Reserves or National Guard member, veteran, or spouse, which could cause a health or safety risk to the public.
- (2) The United States military service member, Reserves or National Guard member, veteran, or spouse shall submit:
 - (a) Proof of issuance of a valid license, permit, certificate, or other document issued by another state, the District of Columbia, or any possession or territory of the United States that is active or has been expired for less than two (2) years;
 - (b) Proof that the valid license, permit, certificate, or other document issued by another state, the District of Columbia, or any possession or territory of the United States is in good standing or was upon the date of expiration; and
 - (c)
 1. His or her DD-214 form or other proof of active or prior military service with an honorable discharge, discharge under honorable conditions, or a general discharge under honorable conditions; *or*
 2. ***Military orders documenting his or her transfer to a military assignment in Kentucky.***
- (3) A United States military service member, Reserves or National Guard member, veteran, or spouse who holds a license, permit, certificate, or other document issued by another state, the District of Columbia, or any possession or territory of the United States who applies for a license, permit, certificate, or other document pursuant to subsection (1) of this section and is denied shall have the right to appeal the decision in accordance with KRS Chapter 13B.
- (4) ***A United States military service member, Reserves or National Guard member, veteran, or spouse who holds a license in multiple jurisdictions through an interstate licensure compact, with respect to services that he or she provides within the jurisdiction of the interstate licensure compact, shall be subject to the requirements of the compact or applicable statutes and not this section.***

Signed by Governor April 9, 2024.