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A Bill

SENATE BILL 193

5 By: Senators Hill, *Irvin, J. Boyd*
6 By: Representative Eubanks
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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO AMEND THE ARKANSAS OCCUPATIONAL LICENSING
10 OF UNIFORMED SERVICE MEMBERS, VETERANS, AND SPOUSES
11 ACT OF 2021; TO ADD CONSIDERATION OF NATIONAL
12 CERTIFICATIONS TOWARD INITIAL OCCUPATIONAL LICENSURE
13 AND EXTEND THE APPLICATION TO SPOUSES; TO ELIMINATE
14 THE ONE-YEAR LIMIT FOR VETERANS TO APPLY SERVICE
15 EDUCATION, TRAINING, OR CERTIFICATIONS TOWARD INITIAL
16 OCCUPATIONAL LICENSURE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

19 TO AMEND THE ARKANSAS OCCUPATIONAL
20 LICENSING OF UNIFORMED SERVICE MEMBERS,
21 VETERANS, AND SPOUSES ACT OF 2021.
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25 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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27 SECTION 1. DO NOT CODIFY. Legislative intent.

28 It is the intent of the General Assembly to:

29 (1) Add national certifications to be considered toward
30 occupational licensure requirements;

31 (2) Extend application for initial licensure to the spouse of a
32 uniformed service member or a uniformed service veteran; and

33 (3) Remove the one-year limit for veterans to apply service
34 education, training, or certifications toward occupational licensure.
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36 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 17-4-107 is amended to read as follows:



1 17-4-107. Acceptance of uniformed service education, training,
2 national certification, or service-issued credential.

3 An occupational licensing entity shall accept relevant and applicable
4 uniformed service education, training, national certification, or service-
5 issued credential toward occupational licensure qualifications or
6 requirements when considering an application for initial licensure of an
7 individual listed in § 17-4-104 ~~who is:~~

8 ~~(1) A uniformed service member; or~~

9 ~~(2) A uniformed service veteran who makes an application within~~
10 ~~one (1) year of his or her discharge from uniformed service.~~

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12 /s/Hill

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