### SB37 ENGROSSED



- 1 BHC344-2
- 2 By Senators Givhan, Butler, Kelley, Livingston, Barfoot, Bell,
- 3 Carnley, Hatcher, Scofield, Chesteen, Orr, Jones
- 4 RFD: Veterans and Military Affairs
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5	A BILL
6	TO BE ENTITLED
7	AN ACT
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9	Relating to the Military Family Jobs Opportunity Act;
10	to amend Section 31-1-6, Code of Alabama 1975, as amended by
11	Act 2022-92, 2022 Regular Session, to extend professional
12	license reciprocity to spouses of United States Department of
13	Defense civil servants.
14	BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:
15	Section 1. Section 31-1-6, Code of Alabama 1975, as
16	last amended by Section 1 of Act 2022-92 of the 2022 Regular
17	Session, is amended to read as follows:
18	<b>"</b> §31-1-6
19	(a) This section shall be known and may be cited as the
20	Military Family Jobs Opportunity Act.
21	(b) Except as provided in subsection (h), and
22	notwithstanding other provisions of law, this section shall
23	apply to any board, agency, commission, or other entity
24	providing professional licenses or certificates, or both, for
25	the purpose of employment in the State of Alabama. On or
26	before January 1, 2023, each board, agency, or commission
27	providing professional licenses or certificates, or both,
28	shall adopt rules in conformity with this section for the



- 29 purpose of implementing its requirements. The rules shall
- 30 provide a method of accomplishing both of the following:
- 31 (1) The issuance of a license or certificate to an
- 32 eligible individual, within 30 days of application, if the
- 33 certification or license of the original issuing state or
- 34 governing body is similar to that requested from this state,
- 35 as provided in subsection (d).
- 36 (2) A procedure for authorizing an eligible individual
- 37 to perform professional services regulated by the board,
- 38 agency, or commission in this state pursuant to a temporary
- 39 permit, effective for at least 360 days, while the board,
- 40 agency, or commission deliberates the application to obtain a
- 41 license or certificate in this state, as provided in
- 42 subsection (d).
- (c) For the purposes of this section, an "eligible
- 44 individual" is any individual who satisfies all of the
- 45 following:
- 46 (1) Is the spouse of any of the following:
- a. An active duty, reserve, or transitioning member of
- 48 the United States Armed Forces, including the National Guard,
- or a surviving spouse of a service member who, at the time of
- 50 his or her death, was serving on active duty, who is relocated
- 51 to and stationed in the State of Alabama under official
- 52 military orders. For the purposes of this section paragraph, a
- "transitioning service member" is a member of the United
- 54 States Armed Forces, including the National Cuard, on active
- duty status or on separation leave who is within 24 months of
- 56 retirement.



- 57 b. An individual currently employed by the United 58 States Department of Justice or any of its encompassed 59 offices, agencies, institutes, and bureaus, including, but not 60 limited to, the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), the U.S. Attorney's Office, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, 61 62 Firearms, and Explosives (ATF), the Drug Enforcement 63 Administration (DEA), and the United States Marshal Service 64 (USMS), who is relocated to Alabama by order of their
- c. An individual currently employed at the National 66 67 Aeronautics and Space Administration who is relocated to Alabama by order of their employer. 68

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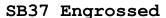
- d. An individual currently employed in Alabama as a civil servant for the United States Department of Defense.
- (2) Has not committed or participated in an act that would constitute grounds for refusal, suspension, or 73 revocation of a professional license or certificate.
  - (3) Has not been disciplined by an authorized entity or under investigation, in any jurisdiction, in relation to a professional license or certificate.
    - (d) Any eligible individual under subsection (c) who possesses a valid license or certificate, in good standing, in another state, district, or territory of the United States, or in any branch of the United States Armed Forces, including the National Guard, that is substantially similar to the license issued by the appropriate board, agency, or commission in the State of Alabama shall be approved to continue work in his or her profession upon relocation to the State of Alabama for



- 85 such time as normally allotted with receipt of a license or
- 86 certificate from the appropriate board, agency, or commission.
- Upon completion of an application, an authorized board,
- agency, or commission shall expedite the application according
- 89 to statute, adopted rules, or if applicable, at the next
- 90 scheduled licensure proceeding for an eligible individual
- 91 under subsection (c).
- 92 (e) Any board, agency, or commission in the State of
- 93 Alabama may establish reciprocity with other states for
- 94 military spouse professional licensing and certification.
- 95 (f) Any board, agency, commission, or other entity
- 96 providing professional licenses or certificates, or both, for
- 97 the purpose of employment in this state, that is created after
- 98 April 6, 2018, shall adopt the rules required by this section
- 99 within one year after the date of its initial organizational
- 100 meeting.
- 101 (g) Any board, agency, commission, or other entity
- 102 providing professional licenses or certificates, or both, for
- 103 the purpose of employment in the state, shall waive the
- 104 initial licensing fee for the eligible individual upon
- application by the eligible individual in a manner prescribed
- 106 by the board, agency, commission, or other entity. The board,
- 107 agency, commission, or other entity shall process an
- application for a fee waiver within 30 days after receiving
- 109 the application.
- 110 (h) This section does not apply to the practice of law
- 111 or the regulation of attorneys, any license or registration
- issued by the Securities Commission under the Alabama



113	Securities Act, any certification issued by the Alabama Peace
114	Officers' Standards and Training Commission, or the practice
115	of any profession regulated by the Alabama State Board of
116	Pharmacy, Board of Optometry, Board of Dental Examiners, State
117	Board of Chiropractic Examiners, Alabama Liquefied Petroleum
118	Gas Board, or State Board of Medical Examiners."
119	Section 2. This act shall become effective on the first
120	day of the third month following its passage and approval by
121	the Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.





122 123 124 Senate Read for the first time and referred ......07-Mar-23 126 to the Senate committee on Veterans and Military Affairs 127 128 129 Read for the second time and placed ...........23-Mar-23 on the calendar: 130 131 0 amendments 132 134 as amended Yeas 31 135 Nays 0 136 Abstains 0 137 138 139 140 Patrick Harris, 141 Secretary. 142