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1 and experience, the state can help promote the employment of
2 veterans.

3 Section 2. Occupational Licenses Based on Military
4 Education, Training, or Service.

5 Each of the examining boards, licensing boards, and
6 departments described in Chapters 1 through 43 of Title 34 of
7 the Code of Alabama 1975, as amended, shall, upon presentation
8 of satisfactory evidence by an applicant for certification or
9 licensure, accept education, training, or service completed by
10 an individual as a member of the Armed Forces or reserves of
11 the United States, the National Guard of any state, the
12 military reserves of any state, or the naval militia of any
13 state toward the qualifications to receive the license or
14 certification. Each such board and department shall promulgate
15 rules to implement this section.

16 Section 3. Academic Credits Based on Military
17 Education, Training, or Service.

18 Each board of a state public educational
19 institution, community college, or technical school shall
20 adopt, by December 31, 2013, a policy requiring each
21 institution under the board's supervision and management to
22 award educational credits to a student, who is also a veteran,
23 enrolled in the institution for courses that are part of the
24 student's military training or service and that meet the
25 standards of the American Council on Education or equivalent
26 standards for awarding academic credit if the award of
27 education credit is based upon the institution's admission

1 standards and its role, scope, and mission. Each board shall
2 adopt necessary rules, regulations, and procedures to
3 implement the provisions of this section, effective beginning
4 with the 2014-2015 academic year and continuing thereafter.

5 Section 4. Extension of Licensing for Military
6 Service Members.

7 (a) Notwithstanding any other statute to the
8 contrary, except as provided in subsection (c) of this
9 section, any member of the Armed Forces of the United States
10 ~~shall be kept in good standing by the administrative or~~
11 ~~licensing body with which he or she is licensed or certified~~
12 ~~while on active duty if, at the time of activation, either of~~
13 ~~the following applies:~~

14 (1) ~~The member was in good standing and with any~~
15 ~~administrative or licensing body of the state.~~

16 (2) ~~The member was duly licensed or certified to~~
17 ~~engage in his or her profession or vocation in Alabama.~~

18 shall be left in good standing until, at a minimum,
19 December 31, of the first year following the end of his or her
20 deployment, by the administrative or licensing body with which
21 he or she is licensed or certified, while deployed, if at the
22 time of deployment, the member was in good standing with the
23 branch of the armed services and with the administrative
24 licensing body.

25 (b) While a licensee or certificate holder is ~~an~~
26 ~~active duty~~ deployed as a member of the Armed Forces of the

1 United States, the license or certificate referenced in
2 subdivision (1) shall be renewed without:

3 (1) The payment of dues or fees;

4 (2) Obtaining continuing education credits when:

5 a. Circumstances associated with military duty
6 prevent obtaining training and a waiver request has been
7 submitted to the appropriate administrative body; or

8 b. The ~~active duty~~ military member performs the
9 licensed or certified occupation as part of his or her
10 military duties as annotated in Defense Department form 214
11 (DD214); or

12 (3) Performing any other act typically required for
13 the renewal of the license or certificate.

14 (c) Notwithstanding subsections (a) and (b), the
15 licensing board, in its discretion, may require that the
16 licensee receive additional credits within the year following
17 the end of the deployment.

18 (d) Licensees of the Alabama State Bar are regulated
19 by the Alabama Supreme Court and are therefore exempt from
20 this section. The court may provide waivers and exemptions for
21 active duty and deployed military members.

22 ~~(c) The license or certificate issued under this~~
23 ~~section shall be continued as long as the licensee or~~
24 ~~certificate holder is a member of the Armed Forces of the~~
25 ~~United States on active duty and for a period of at least six~~
26 ~~months after discharge from active duty.~~

1 Section 5. Nothing in this act shall be construed to
2 infringe on the ability or decision of a public institution of
3 higher education to determine the number of credits accepted
4 by the institution that may be counted toward graduation.

5 Section 6. If a court of competent jurisdiction
6 adjudges invalid or unconstitutional any clause, sentence,
7 paragraph, section, or part of this act, such judgment or
8 decree shall not affect, impair, invalidate, or nullify the
9 remainder of this act, but the effect of the decision shall be
10 confined to the clause, sentence, paragraph, section, or part
11 of this act adjudged to be invalid or unconstitutional.

12 Section 7. All laws or parts of laws which conflict
13 with this act are repealed.

14 Section 8. This act shall become effective
15 immediately following its passage and approval by the
16 Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.

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