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House Bill 2844

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to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs and Homeland
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1 A BILL to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto two new
 2 sections, designated §30-1B-2a and §30-1B-2b, all relating to provisions applicable to
 3 military members and their spouses.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

1 That the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, be amended by adding thereto two
 2 new sections, designated §30-1B-2a and §30-1B-2b, all to read as follows:

**ARTICLE 1B. PROVISIONS APPLICABLE TO MILITARY MEMBERS AND THEIR
 SPOUSES.**

§30-1B-2a: Definitions

1 As used in this article:

2 “Licensing” means any required training, education, or fee to work in a specific profession.

3 “Licensing authority” means an agency, examining board, credentialing board, or other
 4 office with the authority to impose occupational fees or licensing requirements on any profession.

5 “Military families” means any active duty service members and their spouses, and
 6 honorably discharged veterans and their spouses. Surviving spouses of deceased service
 7 members who have not remarried are also included.

8 “Occupational fee” means a fee or tax on professionals or businesses that is charged for
 9 the privilege of providing goods or services within a certain jurisdiction.

10 “Political subdivision” means a city, town, village, or county.

§30-1B-2b: Waiver of Licensing Fees for Military Families.

1 (a) All state and political subdivision licensing authorities shall waive all occupational fees
 2 and fees from licensing requirements for military families.

3 (b) Individuals seeking a waiver of occupational fees and fees from licensing requirements
 4 must apply to the appropriate licensing authority in a format prescribed by the licensing authority.

5 The licensing authority shall process the application within thirty days of receiving it from the

- 6 applicant.
- 7 (c) The licensing authority may propose rules for legislative approval in accordance with
- 8 the provisions of article three, chapter twenty-nine-a, for the implementation of this section.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to provide a waiver of professional and occupational licensing fees for military families.

Strike-throughs indicate language that would be stricken from a heading or the present law and underscoring indicates new language that would be added.