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H.B. No. 3898

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to active duty personnel.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Chapter 55, Occupations Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 555.002. EXEMPTION FROM PENALTY FOR FAILURE TO RENEW LICENSE. A state agency that issues a license shall adopt rules to exempt an individual who holds a license issued by the agency from any increased fee or other penalty imposed by the agency for failing to renew the license in a timely manner if the individual establishes to license in a timely manner because the individual was on active duty in the United States armed forces ~~[serving outside this state]~~.

SECTION 2. Chapter 55, Occupations Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 55.003. EXTENSION OF CERTAIN DEADLINES FOR ACTIVE DUTY MILITARY PERSONNEL. A person who holds a license, is a military service member ~~[member of the state military forces or a reserve component of the armed forces of the United States]~~, and is ordered to active duty by proper authority is entitled to an exemption from ~~[additional amount of time, equal to the total number of years or parts of years that the person serves on active duty, to complete]~~:

(1) any continuing education requirements; ~~[and]~~

(2) any other requirement related to the renewal of

1 the person's license [~~+~~]; and

2 (3) any fees related to license renewal.

3 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.