

STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN SENATE

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Introduced by Sen. RITCHIE -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Higher Education

AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to expedited teaching licensing by certain military spouses

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

1 Section 1. Section 3001 of the education law is amended by adding a
2 new subdivision 4 to read as follows:

3 4. a. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, any appli-
4 cant seeking to qualify for a license pursuant to this title who is the
5 spouse of an active duty member of the armed forces of the United
6 States, national guard or reserves as defined in 10 U.S.C. sections 1209
7 and 1211, and such spouse is transferred by the military to this state
8 shall be afforded an expedited review of his or her application for
9 licensure. Such application shall be on a form prescribed by the depart-
10 ment and shall include an attestation by the applicant of the military
11 status of his or her spouse and any other such supporting documentation
12 that the department may require. Upon review of such application, the
13 department shall issue a license to the applicant if the applicant holds
14 a license in good standing in another state and in the opinion of the
15 department, the requirements for licensure of such other state are
16 substantially equivalent to the requirements for licensure in this
17 state.

18 b. In addition to the expedited review granted in paragraph a of this
19 subdivision, an applicant who provides satisfactory documentation that
20 he or she holds a license in good standing from another state, may
21 request the issuance of a temporary practice permit, which, if granted
22 will permit the applicant to work under the supervision of a New York
23 state licensee in accordance with regulations of the commissioner. The
24 department may grant such temporary teaching permit when it appears
25 based on the application and supporting documentation received that the

EXPLANATION--Matter in italics (underscored) is new; matter in brackets
[-] is old law to be omitted.

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1 applicant will meet the requirements for licensure in this state because
2 he or she holds a license in good standing from another state with
3 significantly comparable licensure requirements to those of this state,
4 except the department has not been able to secure direct source verifi-
5 cation of the applicant's underlying credentials (e.g., receipt of
6 original transcript, experience verification). Such permit shall be
7 valid for six months or until ten days after notification that the
8 applicant does not meet the qualifications for licensure. An additional
9 six months may be granted upon a determination by the department that
10 the applicant is expected to qualify for the full license upon receipt
11 of the remaining direct source verification documents requested by the
12 department in such time period and that the delay in providing the
13 necessary documentation for full licensure was due to extenuating
14 circumstances which the military spouse could not avoid.

15 c. A temporary teaching permit issued under paragraph b of this subdi-
16 vision shall be subject to the full disciplinary and regulatory authori-
17 ty of the board of regents and the department, pursuant to this title,
18 as if such authorization were a professional license issued under this
19 article.

20 d. The department shall reduce the initial licensure application fee
21 by one-half for any application submitted by a military spouse under
22 this subdivision.

23 § 2. This act shall take effect on the one hundred eightieth day after
24 it shall have become a law.