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## IN SENATE

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Introduced by Sen. ORTT -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Veterans, Homeland Security and Military Affairs

AN ACT to amend the general business law, the insurance law and the real property law, in relation to licensing of military spouses with out-of-state licenses in equivalent occupations

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

1 Section 1. This act enacts into law components of legislation relating  
2 to the "Military Spouse Act".

3 § 2. The general business law is amended by adding a new article 2-A  
4 to read as follows:

5 ARTICLE 2-A  
6 ADMISSION TO A PROFESSION

7 Section 20. Admission to a profession; licensing, certification or  
8 registration.

9 § 20. Admission to a profession; licensing, certification or registra-  
10 tion. Admission to practice of a profession governed by this chapter in  
11 this state is accomplished, where required, by a license, certification  
12 or certificate of registration being issued to a qualified applicant by  
13 the secretary of state. To qualify for a license, certification or  
14 certificate of registration an applicant shall meet the requirements  
15 prescribed in the article for the particular profession and shall meet  
16 the requirements prescribed in section 3-503 of the general obligations  
17 law; provided that, notwithstanding any provision of the law to the  
18 contrary, any applicant who is the spouse of a member of the armed forc-  
19 es of the United States, national guard or reserves may submit satisfac-  
20 tory evidence of licensure, certification or registration to practice an  
21 equivalent occupation issued by any other state, territory, protectorate

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

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1 or dependency of the United States in lieu of the submissions required  
2 by the article of this chapter for the particular profession, provided  
3 that such license, certification or certificate of registration was  
4 granted in compliance with standards which were, in the judgment of the  
5 secretary, not lower than those of this state.

6 § 3. Subsection (d) of section 2136 of the insurance law, as added by  
7 chapter 687 of the laws of 2003, is amended to read as follows:

8 (d) (1) the applicant's home state awards nonresident insurance  
9 producer licenses to residents of this state on the same basis as  
10 provided in this subsection; or

11 (2) the applicant is the spouse of a member of the armed forces of the  
12 United States, national guard or reserves.

13 § 4. Section 442-g of the real property law is amended by adding a new  
14 subdivision 1-a to read as follows:

15 1-a. No nonresident applicant who is the spouse of a member of the  
16 armed forces of the United States, national guard, or reserves regularly  
17 engaged in the real estate business as a vocation, who maintains a defi-  
18 nite place of business and is licensed by any other state, territory,  
19 protectorate or dependency of the United States, shall be required to  
20 maintain a place of business within this state. The commission shall  
21 recognize the license issued by another state to an applicant who is the  
22 spouse of a member of the armed forces of the United States, national  
23 guard, or reserves as qualification for a license in New York, provided  
24 that such license was granted in compliance with standards which were,  
25 in the judgment of the secretary, not lower than those of this state.

26 § 5. Section 444-e of the real property law is amended by adding a new  
27 subdivision 2-a to read as follows:

28 2-a. Any applicant for a license who is a spouse of a member of the  
29 armed forces of the United States, national guard or reserves may submit  
30 satisfactory evidence of licensure to practice an equivalent occupation  
31 issued by any other state, territory, protectorate or dependency of the  
32 United States in lieu of the evidence of education, experience and exam-  
33 ination required by subdivision one of this section, provided that such  
34 license was granted in compliance with standards which were, in the  
35 judgment of the secretary, not lower than those of this state.

36 § 6. Severability clause. If any clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivi-  
37 sion, section or part of this act shall be adjudged by any court of  
38 competent jurisdiction to be invalid, such judgment shall not affect,  
39 impair, or invalidate the remainder thereof, but shall be confined in  
40 its operation to the clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, section  
41 or part thereof directly involved in the controversy in which such judg-  
42 ment shall have been rendered. It is hereby declared to be the intent of  
43 the legislature that this act would have been enacted even if such  
44 invalid provisions had not been included herein.

45 § 7. This act shall take effect on the ninetieth day after it shall  
46 have become a law. Effective immediately, the addition, amendment and/or  
47 repeal of any rule or regulation necessary for the implementation of  
48 this act on its effective date are authorized to be made and completed  
49 on or before such effective date.