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**CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 28( )**

**IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA**

**TWENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION**

**BY**

**Offered:  
Referred:**

**Sponsor(s): REPRESENTATIVES THOMAS, HERRON, AND FEIGE, Peggy Wilson**

**A BILL**

**FOR AN ACT ENTITLED**

**"An Act relating to temporary licenses for certain nonresident professionals and to a temporary exemption from fees and other licensing requirements for active duty members of the armed forces."**

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:**

**\* Section 1.** AS 08.01 is amended by adding a new section to read:

**Sec. 08.01.063. Military courtesy licenses.** (a) Except as provided in (e) of this section, and notwithstanding another provision of law, the department may issue a temporary courtesy license to the spouse of an active duty member of the armed forces of the United States if the spouse applies to the department in the manner prescribed by the department. An application must include evidence satisfactory to the department that the applicant

(1) is married to and living with a member of the armed forces of the United States who is on active duty and assigned to a duty station in this state under official active duty military orders;

(2) holds a current license or certificate in another state, district, or territory of the United States with requirements that the department or appropriate board determines are equivalent to those established under this title for that occupation;

(3) if required by the department for obtaining a license in the applicant's profession, has been fingerprinted and has provided the fees required by the Department of Public Safety under AS 12.62.160 for criminal justice information and a national criminal history record check; the fingerprints and fees shall be forwarded to the Department of Public Safety to obtain a report of criminal justice information under AS 12.62 and a national criminal history record check under AS 12.62.400; and

(4) pays any fees required under this title.

(b) The department shall expedite the procedure for issuance of a license under (a) of this section.

(c) A temporary license issued under this section is valid for 180 days and may be extended at the discretion of the department or applicable board for another 180 days, on application of the holder of the temporary license.

(d) A member of the armed forces of the United States on active duty who is a licensee under this title in good standing at the time of the licensee's active duty order is exempt from any fees or other requirements to maintain that license or good standing while the licensee is on active duty, and for 180 days after active duty ends, if the licensee does not engage in licensed practice for profit in the private sector. The licensee shall pay fees and meet all other requirements for the license period beginning after the exemption ends.

(e) This section does not apply to

(1) marine pilots regulated under AS 08.62; and

(2) the practice of law or the regulation of attorneys under AS 08.08.