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Explanation of Changes to CSHB 28 (L&C)

HB 28

Granted temporary licenses to all persons entering the state who practiced in a profession regulated by the Division of Corporations, Business and Professional Licensing as long as they met certain requirements:

- 1.) Had to hold a current license in another jurisdiction,
- 2.) Had to be engaged in the active practice of their occupation for at least 2 of the past 5 years,
- 3.) Could not have been under any disciplinary action in another jurisdiction,
- 4.) Had to pay any necessary fees.

Attorneys were excluded because they are not regulated by the Division of Corporations, Business and Professional Licensing.

CSHB 28 (L&C)

Changed to limit the granting of temporary licenses to military spouses. A military spouse can get a temporary license in their field if:

- 1.) They hold a current license in another jurisdiction,
- 2.) Are not and have not faced disciplinary action in another jurisdiction,
- 3.) Have complied with any necessary background checks,
- 4.) Have paid any necessary fees.

The temporary license issued under this section is valid for 180 days and can be renewed **once** at the discretion of the Department or appropriate Board.

A new section was added to exclude service members from having to pay any renewal fees while they are on active duty. This exclusion expires 180 days after their period of active duty ends. This section does not apply to military spouses, just service members.

Marine Pilots were excluded due to the fact that they are not only state specific but region specific. They have a strict mechanism for temporary licenses, but each license only applies to a particular region in the state.