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House Bill 85: Professional Licensing: Temp Permits

Summary of Changes – Version B to Version S

The House Military and Veterans' Affairs Committee CS would make the following changes to HB85:

- Changes terminology throughout the bill to conform with the federal legislation that was signed into law in January of 2023.
 - “Temporary military courtesy license” to “military courtesy license”
 - “Active-duty member of the armed forces of the United States” to “military servicemember”
 - This term recognizes that military orders do not always place servicemembers on active-duty status.
 - Changes reference to persons “married to and living with a member of the armed forces” to “spouse of a military servicemember.”

Substantive changes in the CS occur in the following sections:

- **Section 2:**
 - Amends AS 08.01.063(a) to reference the recently enacted federal legislation “Veterans Auto and Education Improvement Act of 2022” and
 - Inserts “at a similar scope of practice and in the discipline applied for” to conform with the requirements of the federal legislation.
 - In paragraph (a)(1): Replaces language concerning “active-duty and assigned to a duty station in this state” to the federal law’s requirement that the applicant “relocates their residency to the state.”
 - In paragraph (a)(2): Replaces the “substantially similar” license requirement to the federal requirement that the servicemember or spouse has “actively used” a license during the two years prior to relocating.
 - In paragraph (a)(4): Replaces language to conform with the federal requirement that the applicant remain in good standing with any licensing authority that has previously issued the applicant a license of similar scope.
 - In paragraph (a)(5): Replaces existing language with language requiring an applicant to submit to the authority of the state for the purposes of standards of practice, discipline, and fulfillment of any continuing education requirements.
- **Section 4:**
 - Amends AS 08.01.063(c) to align with the federal requirement that the military courtesy license is valid for 180 days or the length of the applicant’s military orders, whichever is longer.

- **Adds a new Section 7:**
 - Adds a definition of “military servicemember” that incorporates the federal definition.
- **Adds a new Section 29:**
 - Lists the Alaska regulations that will be annulled due to the federal law.