

HOUSE BILL NO. 277

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY REPRESENTATIVES SADDLER, FEIGE, AND MILLETT, Thompson

Introduced: 1/17/12

Referred: Labor and Commerce, Finance

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 **"An Act relating to occupational licensing fees charged by state agencies for certain**
2 **veterans."**

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

4 *** Section 1.** AS 44.99 is amended by adding a new section to article 1 to read:

5 **Sec. 44.99.050. Occupational licensing fees for veterans.** (a)
6 Notwithstanding AS 08.01.065 and any other provision of law or regulation under
7 which a license fee is authorized, a state agency may not charge or collect from a
8 veteran a license fee for the first license for which the veteran applies subsequent to
9 the veteran's discharge.

10 (b) The prohibition in (a) of this section does not apply to a fee for renewal of
11 a license.

12 (c) A state agency that issues licenses shall, each month, submit to the
13 Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development a list of all
14 veterans who have applied for a license issued by that agency or who have applied to

1 that agency to take an examination required to issue a license. A state agency shall
 2 consult the list maintained by the Department of Commerce, Community, and
 3 Economic Development to determine if a veteran who has applied for a license issued
 4 by that state agency has previously applied for or received a license from a state
 5 agency.

6 (d) A state agency may adopt regulations necessary to implement this section.

7 (e) In this section,

8 (1) "license" means a license, certificate, permit, or registration or
 9 similar evidence of authority issued for an occupation by a state agency but does not
 10 include a driver's license or a commercial driver's license as defined in AS 28.33.190;

11 (2) "license fee" means an examination fee, an application fee, a fee
 12 for initial licensure, or any other fee required by a state agency to issue an initial
 13 license;

14 (3) "state agency" means a department, institution, board, commission,
 15 division, authority, public corporation, or other administrative unit of the executive,
 16 legislative, or judicial branch of state government;

17 (4) "veteran" means a person who served in the armed forces of the
 18 United States and who was discharged or released from the armed forces under
 19 conditions other than dishonorable.

20 * **Sec. 2.** The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section to
 21 read:

22 **TRANSITION.** (a) The prohibition in AS 44.99.050, enacted in sec. 1 of this Act,
 23 applies to license fees collected on or after the effective date of this Act.

24 (b) In this section, "license" and "license fee" have the meanings given in
 25 AS 44.99.050(e), enacted by sec. 1 of this Act.